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NEW DELHI, March 24 (UPI). Official circles in Delhi characterise the recent statement by the Pakistan Deputy Foreign Minister, Dr. Mohammed Hussain, that Indian Muslims were not enjoying full citizenship rights, as entirely unfounded. Muslims in India it is pointed out, are enjoying full citizenship rights along with the majority community and it is in the Islamic State of Pakistan that the Hindu minority is being treated differently.

Dr. Mohammed Hussain, it was further alleged, said that there had been instances in which Indian Muslims were not allowed to celebrate their religious festivals freely. Muslims in India, it is pointed out, have always been celebrating their religious festivals unhampered by any restriction whatsoever. The way Muslims of India celebrated their last Id-ul-Zuha in Delhi, Calcutta and other places in India should be evidence enough of the religious liberty enjoyed by them.

COLD GRIPS ALMORA

ALMORA, March 24, (PTI): Almora and the neighbouring hills are in the grip of a cold wave following heavy rains accompanied by hails during the last three days. Last night, for the fourth time hail storm swept the town. The neighbouring hill tops are covered with thick sheets of snow following heavy snowfall on the night of March 21.

The snowfall during this part of the season has occurred after 15 years.

Reports from the interior say that hails and untimely excessive rains have done considerable damage to the standing crops causing great anxiety among the cultivators.

THOUSANDS FLEE FROM WAGGA

Water 4 Feet Deep In Australian City

SYDNEY, March 24, (PTI-Reuter): Thousands of people were today fleeing from Wagga, New South Wales, as flood waters from Murrumbidgee river swamped their homes.

Some who had believed they were safe were forced to cling to housetops as the water rose to the eaves.

The water was four feet deep in the main part of the city from which two-thirds of the fifteen thousand population have been evacuated and rescue efforts became more and more dangerous as the small boats were whipped out of control by the swirling currents.

A motor boat has been brought in to aid where army "ducks" could not cross because of the rush of the waters.

MOBS CLASH IN HOWRAH

Exchange Of Bombs: Six Die In Hospital

CALCUTTA, March 24 (UPI and PTI).

SOME incidents were reported in Howrah area today. There were some casualties including fatal cases. In one incident about half a dozen persons received serious bomb injuries and later died in hospital. Three others received bullet injuries. Fire-arms were used by private parties. Police and military had to open fire to disperse the riotous mob.

Stray incidents were reported from Calcutta suburbs including Serampore and Uttarpara (Hooghly District). One person succumbed to his injuries in Serampore.

Barring one more incident that occurred in the afternoon Calcutta city remained quiet in the night. Troops are patrolling the streets.

The West Bengal Government, in a press note issued today, appealed to the public to help in restoring peace in the State as quickly as possible in order that all energy might be directed to give succour to those who were coming distressed from East Bengal.

QUIET PROKEN

The press note stated: "After the incidents that took place in February the situation had quietened down and things had began to settle down when unfortunately there has been a recrudescence of incidents in certain parts of the State. At Bankura there was a disturbance on the 20th instant which was very quickly brought under control.

"The Muslims of the town have been sheltered in a vacant Government building in order to avoid any further attack on them. There were one or two incidents at the railway station at Kalna. Stern and firm action has been taken to check further trouble.

"In the mill area of Bhatpara, for the last three days there have been stray assaults and similar incidents. The military and the police have been patrolling the area and situation is now under control though the people are still panicky.

"In one locality in Howrah today, there has been a clash between the Hindus and the Muslims, both parties using country made guns. In a raid conducted in this area country made guns have been recovered. The military and the police are patrolling the area and are taking firm steps against the evil-doers.

"Three of the miscreants have been killed as a result of firing. There was a mild clash this afternoon in Calcutta in Taltollah police station area. The police and military have been posted there and order restored very promptly. Some incidents occurred in Howrah station last night and steps have been taken so as to avoid any further clash between the two communities in the station.

COUNTRY MADE ARMS

"Government are much concerned to observe that people belonging to both communities are using country made fire-arms which are evidently unlicensed. Orders have been issued to withdraw fire-arms from all persons in the disturbed areas. Orders have also been issued to take stern measures against those who are found to be indulging in arson, looting or taking part in assaults of any type.

"Government further note that hartal has been announced for tomorrow, March 25, by the students' organisation. It is the earnest appeal of Government to the public not to cause chaos and confusion by taking part in the hartal. Government have taken every step necessary to stop the observance of the hartal tomorrow.

Refugees are coming in very large numbers and Government are trying their level best to provide relief and protection for them. Anything which may increase the confusion in the city or in the State is bound to increase the distress of the refugees who are badly in need of relief and protection. Government, therefore, trust that their appeal will be responded to by the public."

4,000 ARRIVE

More than 4,000 refugees arrived last night and today at Sealdah from different places in East Pakistan.

It is learnt that about 5,000 refugees are still waiting at the temporary camp at Sealdah station, and half the number is expected to be despatched to the new relief camps opened in Hooghly and 24 Paraganas districts by tomorrow.

Eleven Hour Curfew In Kalna

KALNA (Burdwan), March 23 (P.T.I.): There were five cases of looting in the town area yesterday but no major incident was reported within past 24 hours till 6 p.m. today. The situation continues to be tense and 11 hour curfew commencing from 6-30 p.m. today has again been enforced all over the town.

It will be recalled that there was a serious disturbance near the railway station on March 21 following the arrest of a Muslim leader under the West Bengal Security Act.

The police had opened fire to disperse the crowd resulting in two persons being killed.

FINED FOR INCITING HOSTILITY

JOHANNESBURG, March 24, (PTI-Reuter): Three members of the staff of the Johnnesburg newspaper, "The Sunday Express", were found guilty in a magistrate's court here today of inciting hostility between Europeans and Africans.

They were fined fifty sterling each.

Faster Service On E. I. R.

CALCUTTA, March 24, (PTI): Improvement in the locomotive position has considerably helped speed up the train services on the East Indian Railway, the Public Relations Officer, Calcutta Railways, told the PTI today.

CITY WELCOME TO L ABOUR MINISTER

Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Minister speaking at a civic address presented by the Municipal Corporation at the Corporation Hall.

MORE ATTENTION TO WELFARE

Finance Minister's Promise

NEW DELHI, March 24, (P.T.I.)

PARLIAMENT today passed appropriation bills for Railway and General Finances. This procedure, based on the House of Commons practice was introduced in the Indian Parliament this year under the new Constitution.

During the debate, Prof. N. G. Ranga said he was not satisfied with the success achieved by the Railways in eliminating corruption. Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, Railway Minister, replied that the Railways need not be ashamed of what they had achieved in this regard.

Mr. B. Shiva Rao said that measures should be taken to make the control of the Finance Ministry effective without being rigid or indiscriminate. There had been complaints about "far too much rigidity of financial control" even after grants had been voted by the House.

The Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, declared that on the whole the delays were in public interest.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari said that the administration had not been geared to the needs of an independent country.

Dr. Matthai assured the House that it was Government's intention to reorganise and recast the structure of governmental organisation in order to ensure better co-ordination.

ALVA'S WARNING

Mr. Joachim Alva warned the House that if the problems of housing, clothing and food were not solved soon, "we shall have all the elements that make up a revolution during the next three or four years."

Dr. Matthai recognised that unless within the next few years Government were able to devote more attention and more resources to questions of welfare, "we are likely to be up against serious trouble". He hoped Government would be able to "make amends" within a relatively short period.

Mr. Mahavir Tyagi complained against "pomp and show" of the present Government.

Dr. Matthai agreed with Mr. Tyagi and said: "If I may express by personal opinion, I think many of us when we joined the Government in 1946 did so with the idea very honestly of getting away as quickly as possible from the traditional forms of Government we had inherited. But having accepted New Delhi as the headquarters of Government, without being aware of it we have been landed in a position which is not in the best interests of the kind of Government we are trying to have."

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SILCHAR, March 24, (UPI): According to information received here two Muslim young men were detected by some labourers of Khumba tea estate taking photos of the area with a camera on March 21.

11 Lakh Tons Of Food Annually

VERMA ON AVOIDING WASTE

PATNA, March 24, (PTI): Mr. S. Verma, Honorary Food Adviser to the Government of India told the Press Trust of India here today that he had evolved methods by which "we can have 11 lakh tons of rice valued at about Rs. 66 crores annually" by avoiding waste. India imports at present 7.81 lakh tons annually.

Explaining his methods, Mr. Verma said that the huller mills were very wasteful in their millings and were run at very high speed.

SENTENCE ON R.I.A.F. EMPLOYEE QUASHED

SIMLA, March 24 (UPI): Hane Singh, former employee of the RIAF who had been sentenced to 14 years' rigorous imprisonment in connection with the dacoity case in Moga branch of the Punjab National Bank, resulting in a loss of currency notes of the value of Rs. 24,721 on the evening of June 23, 1949 was acquitted on appeal by Mr. Justice Khosla of the Punjab High Court.

13 Goods Train Wagons Derailed: No One Hurt

GAUHATI, March 24. (PTI): Thirteen wagons of a goods train on the run between Dalgoan and Madarihat stations on the Siliguri north-Alipur-Duar junctions of the Assam railway got derailed and capsized yesterday morning, an Assam railway press note reported today.

The press note added that there was no death or injury to any person.

Through running on the track which was interrupted owing to the derailment was resumed this afternoon.

ALL-OUT U. S. AID TO BAO DAI

Full Scale War To Crush Viet Minh

"PEACE" EFFORTS FAIL

SAIGON, March 24 (PTI-Reuter).

UP-TO-DATE weapons for jungle warfare and American specialists who studied mountain guerilla fighting in Greece are expected to be sent to Indo-China as part of American aid to the French forces fighting the Vietminh (Vietnamese Nationalist) insurgents, a diplomatic source disclosed here today.

The French forces under General Marcel Aleessandri, commanding the theatre of operations in Northern Indo-China, were today preparing a full-scale war to crush Vietnam resistance in Tonking.

DR. HO READY

Vietnam leader Ho Chi Minh, was said to be likewise preparing an offensive which, according to Vietminh Radio, is to "sweep away the French imperialists and their lackeys"—meaning the Vietnamese Government of ex-Emptrior Bao Dai of Annam.

SPLIT EXPECTED

The French authorities and the Bao Dai Government hope a split will soon appear in the Vietminh ranks, and that the Vatican's recent recognition of the Bao Dai Government will induce the two million Vietnamese Roman Catholics to support Bao Dai.

The Bao Dai Government also hopes that American economic aid will enable it to fight Ho Chi-Minh effectively in the political and social fields.

Some observers here consider that in view of all these facts, there is little chance of success at the moment for the latest attempts by various Vietnamese intellectuals and political leaders to restore peace in Vietnam by a compromise settlement.

The latest proposals were contained in a "manifesto of doctors, lawyers merchants and others."

This called for United Nations intervention to secure Vietnamese independence "at least equal to that of India and Pakistan", withdrawal of French troops, reconciliation of Ho Chi-Minh and Bao Dai and formation of a new national coalition Government.

A counter-manifesto by a pro-Vietminh group of Saigon intellectuals including several Marxists aid Catholics, described the first manifesto as "reactionary".

It said no understanding with Bao Dai was possible and that he should be tried by court-martial for high treason.

But it added that a reconciliation between him and Ho Chi-Minh would be possible if Bao Dai joined Vietminh leader in the struggle for independence and "accepted the judgment of the people."

TEST FOR A MINISTER

NEW DELHI, March 24 (PTI). Mr. Mahavir Tyagi, Uttar Pradesh, today demanded in Parliament that "Ministers should eat on the same table with chaprasis".

Mr. Tyagi, who was speaking on the appropriation bill, assured the Finance Minister he was not talking "sentiment". "Unless the Prime Minister behaves in a proletarian manner we shall not be satisfied", he added.

LIGHT FAILS IN ORISSA ASSEMBLY

Business Adjourned

CUTTACK, March 24, (PTI): Business in the Orissa Assembly had to be postponed today due to failure of electricity.

While the House was discussing the Orissa Maintenance of Public Order Bill, 1950 after the 4 p.m. recess electricity failed. The House proceeded with the business without lights, fans and loud speakers till 5-30 p.m. when the Speaker adjourned the House "till we get light enough light".

After waiting for half an hour the Speaker called the members in the Assembly Hall lit with flickering candle lights and announced the House was adjourned till nine tomorrow morning.

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RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Legislative Move Expected Soon

BOMBAY, Friday.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA would shortly take legislative steps for the reservation of seats for backward classes in Government services both in the Centre and the States, UPI reliably learnt here today.

Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, India's Labour Minister, who arrived in Bombay today at a meeting with about 50 Harijan Congress workers and M.L.A.s, is stated to have assured them that the Central Government would take adequate steps to promote the interests of backward classes as provided for in the various articles of the new Constitution, and that a Bill would shortly be introduced in Parliament for the reservation of seats for them in Government services for a specified period of years.

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He is further stated to have said that the Central Government would shortly set up a Backward Classes Committee, which would tour all the States in the country with a view to enquiring into their conditions, and submit a report to Government recommending measures for raising the social, political and cultural status of the backward classes.

The Labour Minister had about one hour's discussion with the Harijan workers in the course of which he was acquainted with the various activities in the State with regard to the uplift of the Harijans by Mr. G. D. Tapase, Minister for Backward Classes, Bombay.

Congress President Arrives In City

BOMBAY, Friday.

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, President of the Indian National Cingress arrived in the City from Jamnagar by air on his way to Delhi this evening at 5-30. He was received at the Juhu aerodome by office-bearers of the B. P. C. C. He will be leaving for Delhi to night by the night Air Mail.

Seretse Leaves For Home

BAN UNREASONABLE, HE SAYS

SOUTHAMPTON, March 24 (PTI-Reuter): Seretse Khama, exiled chief-designate of the Bamangwato tribe, left here today by flying boat for Africa.

LONDON: The case of Seretse Khama will be debated in the British House of Commons on Wednesday April 5, it was learned here today. Though criticism will be ventilated, no vote is likely, as there will be no motion on Seretse before Parliament.

Seretse Khama, in a letter to the "Times", suggested today that he should be allowed to take up his duties as chief of the Bamangwato tribe for "a probationary period of two years or more".

He said his suggested experiment "would enable the Government to form a fair and equitable decision on the issue".

He claimed again that the Bamangwatos should be free to exercise the right to choose their chief and he criticised the Government on the ground that he was banned from the tribe without sufficient reason being given."

BRISBANE, March 24, (PTI-Reuter): A thousand doctors whose strikes have paralysed Brisbane today decided to continue their strike despite the risk of prison sentences under the Crimes Act.

RUSSIANS INFILTRATING INTO CHINA?

HONGKONG, March 24. (PTI-Reuter). EVIDENCE that a large number of Soviet Russians are entering Communist China is reaching Hongkong every day.

These Russians are described as experts and advisers in technical, military, administrative and other fields.

Reports say they are being employed in many branches of the central, regional and municipal Governments.

No accurate figure is available as to how many have already arrived, but estimates of those in Shanghai alone range from 2,000 to 6,000.

Several thousands are said to be in Peking while further groups are reported in Tientsin, Tsinan, Nanking and other cities.

Western sources say the influx began about the time of the Chinese-Russian treaty of friendship and alliance announced in mid-February and presume this is implementing Russian promises of aid. These sources say the Soviet Union is paying the Russians salaries and charging them against the 300,000,000 United States dollar loan under the treaty, but the Chinese are supplying accommodation, transport and other needs.

BRITONS EVICTED

British sources here say they have definite information that many British and other foreigners have been evicted from their homes in the Hungjao suburbs of Shanghai to make way for Russians. In one case, a British householder was said to have been given four hours to get out.

Latest information supports earlier reports that Russian soldiers are included among arrivals and are helping to man the anti-aircraft defences of Shanghai's airports against nationalist attacks.

The Chinese-owned "Hongkong Standard" today quoted "western sources" as saying Russian military men were assisting the Communists to prepare the invasion of Formosa and the Chusan Islands.

A western official source said that cases had been reported where the inhabitants of railway towns had been cleared from the area of the railway when trainloads of Russians passed through.

Only a few Russians are so far reported in South China and observers here think it most unlikely many will be sent to that region because of the dislike of foreigners, particularly among the Cantonese.

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NOTICE.

To,

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SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:—

(1) Resolved that the draft Managing Agency agreement proposed to be entered into between the Company on the one hand and Mrs. Ambu Jugatram Vaidya, Haresh Jugatram Vaidya, a minor by his mother and natural guardian Mrs. Ambu Jugatram Vaidya, Mathuradas Bhaktidas Parekh, Gopal Mathuradas Parekh, Krishnakant Mathurdas Parekh, Durgashanker Kevalram Shastri, Mahesh Anantrai Pattani, Venilal Bhaktidas Parekh and Hiralal J. Maniar, the partners at present constituting the firm of Jugatram & Co. the Managing Agents of the Company on the other hand in substitution of the present Managing Agency agreement dated the 21st January, 1920, which draft has been submitted to this Meeting and for identification subscribed with the signature of the Chairman with a view to appoint Messrs. Jugatram & Co. DE NOVO as the Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents of the Company for a period of 20 years from the 10th day of December, 1949, on the terms and Conditions mentioned therein, be and is hereby approved as required by Section 87-B(f) of the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913 and the Directors be and are hereby authorised to carry into effect and affix the seal of the Company to the said agreement.

(2) Resolved that pursuant to Section 87-C of the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913, the Company hereby retrospectively confirms sanctions and ratifies, the holding of the respective offices of profit under the Company by three of the Members of the Agents Firm Viz Mahesh Anantrai Pattani, Manager of Propaganda Department, Venilal Bhaktidas Parekh, Manager of the Advertising department and Manager of the Kalbadevi Branch Office of the Company and Hiralal Jagannath Maniar, Manager of the Shares and Accounts Department: and the remuneration hitherto paid to them in respect of such Offices of profit and also consents to the following members of the Agents firm hereafter respectively holding the several Offices of profit set against their respective names and the remuneration hereunder specified:

Name Of The Member.	Office Of Profit Held	Remuneration
1. Mathuradas Bhaktidas Parekh	General Manager	Rs. 500/- per month
2. Durgashanker Kevalram Shastri	Expert Consultant on Ayurved.	Rs. 300/- per month
3. Mahesh Anantrai Pattani	Manager of Propaganda Department	Rs 300/- per month
4. Venilal B. Parekh	Advertising Department Manager and Manager Kalbadevi Branch Office	Rs. 3500/- per annum
5. Hiralal J. Maniar	Manager, Shares & Accounts Department	Rs. 3500/- per annum
6. Gopal Mathuradas Parekh	Factory Manager.	Rs. 3000/- per annum

(3) RESOLVED that in consideration of the meritorious services rendered to the Company by the late lamented Jugatram Shankerprasad Vaidya the seniormost partner in the firm of Messrs. Jugatram & Co. from the inception of the Company till his death on 31st December 1949 and as a token of regard for his memory the Company hereby sanctions a pension to his wife Mrs. Ambu Jugatram Vaidya for a period of Seven years, commencing from the 1st day of January, 1950 at the rate of Rs. 500/- per month.

By Order of the Board.
JUGATRAM & CO.,
Managing Agents.

Bombay, dated the 16th day of February, 1950.

N. B. — (1) Inspection of the draft Managing Agency agreement referred to in resolutions No. 1 between the Company on the one hand and Mrs. Ambu Jugatram Vaidya & others on the other hand as also of a printed copy of the Managing Agency agreement, dated 21st January, 1920, between the Company and Messrs. Jugatram Shankerprasad Vaidya & others the Managing Agents, can be had at the Registered Office of the Company at any time during Office hours on any working day.

(2) Mr. Mathuradas Bhaktidas Parekh the present General Manager of the Company is personally being paid by the Company Rs. 500/- per month. Mr. Durgashanker Kevalram Shastri the Expert Consultant on Ayurved of the Company is personally being paid by the Company Rs. 300/- per month. Mr. Mahesh Anantrai Pattani the Manager of the Propaganda Department of the Company is personally being paid by the Company Rs. 300/- per month. Mr. Venilal B. Parekh, the Manager of the Advertising Department of the Company as also the Manager of the Kalbadevi Branch Office of the Company is personally being paid by the Company Rs. 3480/- per annum. Mr. Hiralal J. Maniar, the Manager of the Shares and Accounts Department of the Company is personally being paid by the Company Rs. 3480/- per annum.

(3) Members desirous of eliciting any other information in connection with the proposed resolutions are welcome either to write or call at the registered office of the Company for the purpose.

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GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY

CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

Secretariat, Bombay.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following temporary posts under the Director of Civil Supplies (Accounts), Bombay, for being placed on the approved list.

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NOTICE.

In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII of 1913

AND

In the matter of the AKOTE COTTON GINNING AND PRESSING CO., LIMITED.

(In Voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 208 D of the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913 that a General Meeting of the abovenamed Company will be held on THURSDAY, 13th April, 1950 at 3 P. M. at the Registered Office of the Company, at Menkwa Building, Outram Road to receive the Liquidator's Report and accounts made upto the 27th January, 1950, showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted during the first year of the Liquidation in order that the said Company may hear any explanations that may be given by the Liquidator.

R. S. BHARUCHA.
Liquidator.

The Akote Cotton Ginning and Pressing Co. Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

To the Shareholders of the Akote Cotton Ginning and Pressing Co. Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation) and in particular to:—

Mr. Tribhovandas Dayal, Mr. Chuna Peraj, Mr. Chunilal N. Shroff, Mr. Deokisan Gokaljee, Mr. Haridas Gokuldas, Patel Karsondas Bhagwandas, Mr. Ludha Gokuldas, Mr. Kanji Hirji, Mr. Kalianji Kakoo, Mr. Laxmidas Gangji, Mr. Liladhar Damodar, Mr. Mowjee Harjivan, Mr. Ruttonji Nensey, Mr. Sodaram Chogalal, Mr. Tricumdas Mooljee, Mr Kanji Hirji and Mr. Ramdas Hirji, Mr. Vajeerally Bundeally, Mr. Karsondas Thakersey Rowjee, Mr. Maganlal Popatlal, Mr. J. Black, Mr. Morarjee Muljee, Mr Mohomad Ebrahim Nakhooda, Mr. Devchand Kalianji, Mrs. Jamnadas Dwarkadas Madhavji and Dwarkadas Madhavji, Mr. Chunilal Amarchand, Mr. Kantilal Premji, Mr. Trimbaklal Ratilal and Nagindas Trimbaklal, Mr. Kanahaiyalal Manilal Gujarati.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WARNING

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Dated this 1st *day of* October 1949

DEPENNING & DEPENNING, Patent and Trade Mark Agents, 10, Government Place East, Calcutta, India.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, carrying on business under the name and style of The Modern Engineering Company at 107, Apollo Street, Bombay. 121/B, Armenian Street, Madras and 44/45, Ezra Street, Calcutta, has been DISSOLVED by mutual consent as from the 23rd day of March, 1950 and Mr. Champaklal Mulchand Lakhani has retired from the said firm as from that date. The business has been continued by Dr. JIVANLAL MULCHAND LAKHANI, VASANTLAL MOHANLAL DAVE and PRABHUDAS JAVERCHAND KAMDAR in the same name on their account as from that date and they shall be entitled to recover the outstandings of the dissolved partnership and they shall pay and discharge all the debts and liabilities thereof.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1950.

1. (Sd/-) Jivanlal Mulchand Lakhani.
2. (Sd/-) Vasantlal Mohanlal Dave.
3. (Sd/-) Prabhudas Javerchand Kamdar.
4. (Sd/-) Champaklal Mulchand Lakhani.

(7446)

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, RURAL BROADCASTING.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following posts in the Rural Broadcasting Section of the Directorate of Publicity, Bombay:—

I TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS: Pay Rs. 220-15-340 and other allowances admissible.
QUALIFICATIONS: Degree in Electrical Engineering or 1st or 2nd class degree in Physics plus a diploma in Radio Engineering. Plus practical experience in Radio Engineering for at least one year.

II SUPERVISOR: Pay Rs. 150-10-220-E.B-10-270 and other allowances admissible
QUALIFICATIONS: Matriculate with a Diploma or Certificate in Radio Servicing. Plus practical experience in Radio Servicing for at least 2 years.

Only persons having the required qualifications should apply.

Full particulars and application forms may be obtained from the:
ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE,
Rufal Broadcasting,
Eros Theatre Bldg.,
42, Queen's Road, BOMBAY—1.

Closing date for applications 15th April, 1950. (7408)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE BOMBAY CITY CIVIL COURT AT BOMBAY.

Suit No. 179 of 1950.

Messrs. KHIMJI POONJA & CO. ... Plaintiffs
Vs.
Messrs. BHIMSEN KHOSLA ... Defendants.

To
BHIMSEN KHOSLA

TAKE NOTICE that the Summons served upon you is served as a partner in the defendant firm of Messrs. Bhimsen Khosla.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1950.

(Sd.) P. D. DHRUVA
for Registrar

Messrs. KANGA & CO.
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

(7441A)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
I. C. No. 34 of 1950.

In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII OF 1913.
And
In the matter of the GOOD HOUSE-KEEPING CO. LTD. and Reduced, a private Company, having its Registered Office at 38, Queens Road, within the Fort of Bombay.

THE GOOD HOUSE-KEEPING COMPANY LIMITED and Reduced, a Private Company, having its Registered Office at 38, Queens Road, within the Fort of Bombay ... Petitioner.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition has been presented to the High Court of Judicature at Bombay for confirming a Resolution of the above Company for reducing its capital from Rs. 5,00,000/- divided into 5000 shares of Rs. 100/- each to Rs. 5,00,000/- divided into 20,000 shares of Rs. 25/- each and effecting such reduction by reducing the nominal amount of the shares from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 25/- each and extinguishing liability to the extent of Rs. 75/- per share in respect of the uncalled Capital on 3050 shares which have been issued and on which Rs. 25/- per share have been paid up. According to the above Company, there was no creditor whatever of the said Company on the 10th day of March 1950.

Any person, however, who claims to have been on the last mentioned day and still to be a Creditor of the above Company and claims to be entered on the list of Creditors must on or before the 10th day of April, 1950, send in his name and address, and the particulars of his claim, and the name and addresss of his Attorneys (if any) to the undersigned at 45-47, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, or in default thereof he will be precluded from objecting to the proposed reduction of capital.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1950.

Messrs. PEREIRA FAZALBHOY & CO.,
Attorneys for the said Company

(7444)

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHATRABHUJ HANSRAJ and GOVINDSINGH MADHAVJI HANSRAJ have contracted with our clients SINDHI BRAHMA KSHATRIYA CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY, LTD. for the sale to it free from encumbrances the undermentioned property belonging to them.

All persons having any claim of whatsoever nature in or to the said property are requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, as otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim, if any and the same will be treated as having been absolutely waived and abandoned.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Vacant piece of Khoti land, admeasuring about 7501 square yards situate in the Village of Malad in the Registration Sub-District Bandra Salsette Taluka and registered under Survey Nos. 6, 9, 12, 19, 27, 16, 5, 42, 3, 20 assessment Rs. 3/12/-

Dated this 9th day of March, 1950.

KHANDVALA & CHHOTALAL
Purchaser's Attorneys

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PUBLIC NOTICES

UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Advertisement No. 12.

APPLICATIONS invited for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Union by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Union or citizens of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Castes, Tribal and aboriginal communities candidates and displaced persons. For others age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, Parliament House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. When applying for forms candidates must specify the name of the post. Closing date for applications with treasury receipt or Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7 8/- (Rs. 1/14 - for Scheduled Castes, Tribal and aboriginal communities candidates) 22ND APRIL, 1950 The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, at New Delhi Post Office. The Commission may at their discretion remit the prescribed application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE displaced person and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee Cheques or Money Orders not accepted SEPARATE APPLICATION WITH SEPARATE FEE REQUIRED FOR EACH POST. Candidates from outside India may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms not available. Such candidates should deposit their fees at the Office of the High Commissioner for India or of the Indian Ambassador or of the Government of India's Representative as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. Two weeks' extension allowed to candidates residing abroad. No candidates will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so.

1. TWO CIVIL ASSISTANT SURGEONS GRADE I FOR MOBILE DISPENSARIES, DELHI PROVINCE Central Service Class II. Posts temporary for the present but likely to be permanent. PAY:—Rs 260-15-440-20-500 plus 25% of actual pay as non-practising allowance. (No private practice allowed). AGE.—Below 35 years Relaxable for Government servants. QUALIFICATIONS: —ESSENTIAL: — (i) Graduate in Medicine and Surgery who should be a Registered Medical Practitioner. L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S., will be regarded as equivalents to a Medical Degree. (ii) Must be conversant with local languages, i.e., Urdu and Hindi. DESIRABLE:—Previous experience in a hospital or a similar institution

2. SEVEN ASSISTANT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS (2 IN MADRAS AND 1 EACH IN BOMBAY, BIHAR, MADHYA PRADESH, ASSAM AND ORISSA) IN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF RESETTLEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT, MINISTRY OF LABOUR. Central Service Class II. Posts temporary upto 31st July, 1952, for the present but likely to continue indefinitely. 2 posts reserved for Scheduled Castes candidates but will be treated as 'unreserved' if no such suitable candidates are available. PAY:—Rs. 215-15-350. AGE:—Below 35 years Relaxable for Government servants upto 45 years. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL— (i) Degree of a recognised University (ii) Practical experience in publicity in a reputed advertising firm or Government Publicity Department or experience in canvassing and salesmanship in a reputed firm. (iii) Sound knowledge of the local languages and familiarity with the customs and conditions in the states concerned.

3. TWO ASSISTANT HARBOUR MASTERS FOR THE PORT OF COCHIN UNDER THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT. General Central Service Class I. One post permanent and the other temporary for 2 years for the present but likely to be retained on a permanent basis eventually One post reserved for a Scheduled Castes candidate. PAY:—Rs. 600-40-1000-1000-1050-1050-1100-1100-1150, plus overtime allowance of Rs. 60/- p.m. for night pilotage provided pay plus overtime does not exceed Rs 720/- p.m. NOTE:—Rent-free unfurnished quarters or house rent allowance equal to the amount of rent actually paid or 10% of pay (whichever is less) will be provided. AGE:—Between 26 and 45 years. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL:—(i) (a) B.O.T. Certificate of Competency as Foreign-going Master or a Colonial Certificate of Competency issued under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 OR (b) B.O.T. Certificate of Competency as First Mate Foreign-going or a Colonial Certificate of Competency issued under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 OR (c) Certificate of Competency as Home Trade Master issued under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923. OR (d) Certificate issued by the late Bengal Pilot Service qualifying one as a Mate, Master or Branch Pilot. (ii) At least one year seagoing experience as Chief Officer OR at least one year experience as Executive Officer or in command in R.N., R.I.N., R.N.R., R.I.N.R., R.N.V.R. or R.I.N.V.R.

4. TWO JUNIOR PROJECT OFFICERS. CENTRAL ELECTRICITY COMMISSION MINISTRY OF WORKS, MINES AND POWER Central Service—Class I. Posts temporary upto 30th September, 1953, for the present but likely to become permanent. PAY:—Rs. 350-350-380-380-30-500-E.B.-30-770-40-850 Higher initial pay upto Rs. 440/- may be granted to specially well qualified and experienced candidates AGE:—Between 25 and 45 years QUALIFICATIONS:—FOR THE FIRST POST—(i) Degree in Mechanical and/or Electrical Engineering of a recognised University OR A.M.I.E (India) OR equivalent. (ii) At least 5 years post-graduate experience of design and operation and maintenance of latest type steam boiler plants and turbo-generator plants Post-graduate teaching experience in associated subjects would partly count towards this requirement. FOR THE SECOND POST.—(i) A degree in Electrical Engineering of a recognised University OR A.M.I.E. (India) OR equivalent. (ii) At least 5 years' post-graduate experience in a responsible capacity, in any large supply system selling bulk and retail power to various classes of consumers. (iii) Must be familiar with power requirements of medium and large scale industries, survey of load possibilities and modern methods of load promotion in urban and rural areas

5. (a) ONE HEADMISTRESS, LAWRENCE SCHOOL, LOVEDALE (NILGIRIS), (b) 5 MASTERS MISTRESSES, LAWRENCE SCHOOLS AT SANAWAR AND LOVEDALE (NILGIRIS) AND (c) 2 MISTRESSES, LAWRENCE SCHOOLS AT SANAWAR AND LOVEDALE (NILGIRIS) MINISTRY OF EDUCATION General Central Service—Class II Posts permanent and pensionable. One post reserved for a Scheduled Caste candidate but will be treated as unreserved if no such suitable candidate is forthcoming. PAY:—FOR (A) — Rs. 500-25-800 FOR (B) AND (C)—Rs. 200-15-290-20-410-25-560. Free quarters will be provided by Government in the estate attached to the Schools for the Headmistress and for the Masters Mistresses placed in charge of 'Houses' AGE:—Below 45 years Relaxable for Government servants. QUALIFICATIONS.—FOR (A) — ESSENTIAL—(i) 3 years Honours Degree or Master's Degree in Arts or Science of a recognised Indian or Foreign University (Selected candidate should be in a position to teach English or Mathematics upto Senior Cambridge class) (ii) Degree or Diploma in teaching of a recognised Indian or Foreign University (iii) At least 5 years' teaching and administrative experience. DESIRABLE—(i) Proficiency in games. (ii) General interest in fine arts and dramatics. (iii) Experience in organising extra-mural activities. FOR (B): ESSENTIAL—(i) At least a Second Class Arts or Science Degree of a recognised Indian or Foreign University. (Selected candidates should be in a position to teach one or more of the following groups of subjects upto Senior Cambridge classes:—Physics & Chemistry or Mathematics or English and History or BIOLOGY). (ii) Degree or Diploma in Education of a recognised Indian or Foreign University. (iii) At least 3 years' teaching experience in a recognised school preferably a public School. (iv) Proficiency in games and interest in Hobbies. FOR (C):—ESSENTIAL — (i) Matriculate of a recognised University or equivalent. (ii) Montessori or Froebel Training Diploma or any other recognised Training degree or diploma. (iii) At least 3 years' teaching experience in a Montessori or Nursery School or Kindergarten or Infants Departments of a School. DESIRABLE—Experience in teaching children in drawing, handiwork, Art or Music and junior games.

6. ONE PHYSICAL ASSISTANT IN THE GOVERNMENT TEST HOUSE, ALIPORE, CALCUTTA UNDER THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY Central Service—Class II. Post temporary at present but likely to continue and become permanent eventually PAY:—(i) FOR DIRECT RECRUITS:—Rs 160-10-330, with a selection grade of Rs. 250-10-300-15-450-25 2-500 (ii) FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS GOVERNMENT EMPLOY SINCE 15TH JULY, 1931:—Rs 150-15-300-20-500. Higher initial pay may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. AGE:—Below 30 years Relaxable for Government servants. QUALIFICATIONS: —ESSENTIAL—Master's Degree in Applied Chemistry or 3 years Honours Course of a recognised University or equivalent. DESIRABLE—(i) Experience in the testing of building and road materials as well as Textile goods (ii) Experience in the manufacture of cement concrete or Textile materials OR Knowledge in other branches of engineering such as soil mechanics.

7. ONE ASSISTANT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, GRADE II, (PIG IRON CONTROL) IN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES Central Service—Class II Post temporary up to February, 1952 for the present but it is likely to be extended further PAY.—Rs 325-25-500-30-590 AGE:—Between 25 and 35 years Relaxable for Government servants. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL—(i) Degree or Diploma in Mechanical Engineering of a recognised University or Institution or Associate Membership of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (London) or the Institution of Engineers (India) or equivalent. (ii) At least 3 years' practical experience in a foundry of repute. Candidates should have thorough knowledge of estimating quantities of materials required in a foundry. DESIRABLE—Experience in planning of foundry production

(7417)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE BOMBAY CITY CIVIL COURT AT BOMBAY.

Suit No 179 of 1950.

Messrs. KHIMJI POONJA & CO. ... Plaintiffs.
vs.
Messrs. BHIMSEN KHOSLA ... Defendants.

To
Messrs. BHIMSEN KHOSLA,
the defendants abovenamed

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs have instituted this suit to recover from you the sum of Rs. 2,124-12-0 with interest cost and interest on judgment. You are summoned to appear in this Court on the 11th day of April, 1950, in person or by an advocate In default of your appearance on that day the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

This 9th day of February, 1950.
(Sd.) P. D DHRUVA
for Registrar

Sealed
(Sd) P. D. DHRUVA.
Dy. Registrar.
The 9th day of February, 1950

Messrs. KANGA & CO.
Plaintiffs' Attorneys
(7441)

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. BASSAPPA VENKAPPA BHUMARDI has contracted to sell to me the property, situate at Ghatkopar, more particularly described in the schedule hereunder written. All persons having any right title interest or claim whatsoever in to or against the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at my Office at 310A Narsi Natha Street, Bombay 9, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such right, title and claim and the same will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

All that piece or parcel of land, situate lying and being at Ghatkopar in Taluka South Salsette, Bombay Suburban District in the Registration Sub-district of Bandra, now amalgamated in Greater Bombay, admeasuring 2650 square yards or thereabouts being Survey Nos. Falni Nos. and Corresponding Hissa Nos. as under:

S. NO.	Pot No.	Falni No.	Hissa Nos.	Area Sq. Yds.
37 part				590
166	1 part			430
(37 part				
(166 part				1630
				2650

and bounded as follows: on or towards the North by the land belonging formerly to Hirachand Hirji Khetsey, on or towards the South by passage, on or towards the East partly lands of Jamnadas Gopalji and partly land of Jamnadas Gopalji for passage and on or towards the West by the land of Jamnadas Gopalji.

Dated this 25th day of March 1950.

NANDLAL GOPALJI,
Purchaser.
(7438)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 10 BALES Handkerchief Cloth No. 388, in different designs, total 4349 Yds. Approx. on 30th instant at 3 P. M. at our Auction Rooms at 72, Medows Street. Fort, under instructions from M/S Gagrat & Co., Attorneys for M/S M. Allabax & Co. and on a/c and at risk of M/S United Liner Agencies of India Ltd. Samples on View.
Terms:— 25 p. c. cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE OF DISPOSAL STORES such as Remington typewriters, Brass washers, Attachment Binoculars, shorts, W/Proof bags etc. on 29th inst. at 10-30 A.M. at R. C. D. Office, Mercantile Chambers, Ballard Estate, under instructions from the Regional Commissioner of Disposal.
Terms: 25 p. c. cash deposit, for catalogues apply to us.

GANDHI & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF RIGHT OF COLLECTING AND RECEIVING FEES AT CRAWFORD MARKET.
Under instructions from the Municipal Commissioner, Bombay, M/s. BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY 1st APRIL, 1950 at 9 A. M. (S.T) at the office of Arthur Crawford Market the right to collect and receive fees at Arthur Crawford Market scale shed for 1 year from 1-4-50 to 31-3-51.
For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Markets Superintendent or to the undersigned.
The Municipal Commissioner is not bound to accept any higher or any other offers.

BENNETT & CO.

BONAFIDE SALE
AUCTION SALE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 A. M. Property of European gentleman and others at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Seaface of complete household and office furniture, steel almirah, safe, typewriter, sewing machine radio, Elec. fan, wall clock dining writing and dressing table, side board, show case, chesterfield almirah, bed, gramophone, hall carpet, etc. (S. Tax) T. 40213 EASTERN AUCTION CO.

Distributor for Bombay:
MARCONI ENGINEERING CO.
75, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay
For unrepresented areas write to:
Manufacturers
CALCUTTA ELECTRIC LAMP WORKS LTD.,
3, Mangoe Lane,
CALCUTTA, 1.

ALLEGED CHEATING OF S. E. A. C.

British Army Official's Evidence In City Case

BOMBAY, Friday.

GIVING evidence in the forgery case against Mubarak Ali Ahmed Major D. C. E. Salter of the British War Office stated before Mr. R. S. Parikh, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, that the contract supposed to have been entered into by the accused and the Commander, S.E.A.C., Singapore, was a bogus one, as were the indents supposed to have been issued by S.E.A.C. and which the accused gave to his three partners.

Major Salter, who, at the time the contracts were supposed to have been entered into, was attached to S.E.A.C. Singapore, was called specially from London to give evidence for the Prosecution.

The case against the accused is that in 1945 he committed forgery and was guilty of cheating to the tune of Rs. 12,50,000, having entered into a partnership with three others against a bogus contract allegedly entered into by the accused and the Commander of the South East Asia Command.

Major Salter stated categorically that the contract was a fake and so also was the receipt for Rs. five lacs which the accused gave to his partners. According to the witness, the officers who were supposed to have signed the contracts did not exist.

To substantiate his statement that contract was false, Major Salter said that all War Department contracts must specify in detail the quantity and description of goods which they cover. The general procedure is to issue a printed form of tender to a number of approved contractors on which they make their quotations on a competitive basis. The contract in the case referred to goods whose value amounted to two and a half per cent of the total output. No one in H.Q., S.E.A.C. had the authority to place a contract in this form. Furthermore, the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master-General who is supposed to have signed the contract with the accused was designated Brigadier, whereas the Quarter Master-General's post was held by a Major.

Witness added that Clause 6 of the contract was not worded in accordance with the approved army procedure for securing goods. Also, the document in the case was a type-written one whereas the army issued printed forms.

Then again, the Major stated, S.E.A.C. was not the correct description of any Head Quarters in that Command. It was a geographical abreviation. With reference to the letter of contract, this could not be traced by witness at the Defence Department, Government of India, Delhi.

The 40 indents which the accused gave to his partners were also false, Major Salter said. These were not on genuine army paper.

Further hearing of the case was adjourned.

AMMONIA SULPHATE AS MANURE

Depots Opened In The Districts

BOMBAY, Friday.

As a result of large quantity of sulphate of ammonia now made available to the Bombay State, the supply position of sulphate of ammonia in the Bombay State has considerably improved. The Agricultural Department has now stocked at each depot in the districts sufficient quantity of sulphate of ammonia to meet the requirements of the cultivators for manuring foodcrops, including vegetables, bananas and sugarcane.

The cultivators desirous of applying sulphate of ammonia to the above crops should approach the nearest depot for their requirements. Necessary instructions have already been issued to the staff of the Agricultural Department concerned to distribute as liberally as possible sulphate of ammonia on cash payment for manuring the above crops.

Shipping Corporation

BOMBAY, Friday.

The first Government-sponsored Shipping Corporation was duly registered in Bombay today under the style "the Eastern Shipping Corporation Ltd."

The first meeting of the Corporation will be held here at the Scindia House, tomorrow morning under the Chairmanship of Mr. C. H. Bhabha, former Commerce Minister, Government of India.

INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE

Exam. For Admission

BOMBAY, Friday.

The next examination for admissions to the Prince of Wales' Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun will be held on 15th May 1950 at Poona. The examination will consist of a written test, consisting of two papers, one in English and the other in Arithmetic and a viva voce test.

Candidates from Bombay State desiring admission should submit their applications to the Director of Public Instruction, Poona on or before 15th April 1950.

Candidates must have attained the age of 11 years and be under 12 years on the date of commencement of next term i.e. 1st August, 1950. No relaxation of age limits will be allowed.

Forms of application and particulars regarding the written test, with specimen question papers, and the documents to be supplied, can be obtained from the Under Secretary to Government, Education Department, Secretariat, Fort, Bombay.

BOMBAY-BOUND PLANE RETURNS TO NAGPUR

BOMBAY, Friday.

Bombay-bound night service 'Dakota aircraft of the Himalayan Air lines which took off from Nagpur airport early this morning developed engine trouble and returned to Nagpur.

The passengers and mails were, however, taken in another relief plane which arrived at Santa Cruz airport this morning two and a half hours late.

Police Trace Bootlegging Racket In Bombay

THREE SUSPECTS ARRESTED

BOMBAY, Friday.

A brand new Chevrolet de luxe—latest model—a palatial mansion at Walkeshwar Road, and the ostensibly wealthy owner of the luxury car, covering up his activities by choosing to live in the humble atmosphere of the servants' quarters of the particular mansion, formed the highlights of a bootlegging case which the Gamdevi Police fell upon, yester day.

The manner in which the case came to the notice of the Gamdevi Police substantiated the claim made by the authorities, that in the detection of Prohibition Breaches, the public had started coming forward by intimating the police about the activities of the offenders.

Last morning, a citizen of Bombay, who was taking a constitutional, noticed in the vicinity of Walkeshvar, a luxury car parked on the road-side. There was nothing suspicious about the vehicle. It appeared to have been the property of some affluent merchant, or high Government official. The man, however, as he neared the parked car, was assailed by a strong, but unmistakable odour, which was surely not of gasoline.

His suspicions being aroused that liquor was being bottled or stored or emptied somewhere, he peered all around to locate from where the smell emanated. His attention was arrested by something dripping from the luggage board of the parked vehicle.

Collecting a drop on his finger, he smelt the stuff and made sure that it was liquor—and contraband at that. He, thereupon accelerated his walk and contacted the Gamdevi Police to whom he communicated his chance discovery.

When the police came on the scene, a few minutes later, the car was still there unattended. They recovered from it two tins filled with illicit liquor fresh from the distillery.

The Motor Vehicles Department was immediately got in touch with, and the ownership of the car established.

The car was traced to the servants' quarters of a palatial mansion at Walkeshwar. It had been registered in the name of one Lobo, who is living in a room in the servants' quarters, where the police to their amazement found an illicit distillery complete with all paraphernalia and huge quantities of wash. The distillery was working full steam when the police made their unexpected entry.

They arrested Lobo and two others on suspicion of complicity in the running of the bootlegging racket.

The police believe that a flourishing trade in illicit liquor was being carried on from these humble servants' quarters. The car, it is regarded, is an index of the returns on this nefarious traffic.

The suspicion is not ruled out that the master brain, actually directing operations from behind the scenes, must be some clever, if unscrupulous business man, who while heaping profits under cover of anonymity, uses others as his stooges. It is also felt that the arrest of these three men may lead to the unearthing of a plan for a chain of speakeasies that threaten to dot the city, when Total Prohibition sets in.

The Pulse Of The City

BURGLED: Two unknown Ghatis opened a godown situated at New Hanuman Lane off Kalbadevi Road by means of a duplicate key and removed ten bales of cloth worth Rs. 12,487. The theft is believed to have taken place on Wednesday morning at about 9. No arrests so far.

UNAUTHORISED GRAIN: For alleged unauthorised possession of several paylees of wheat, three persons were taken into custody on Thursday. The Police told Presidency Magistrate J. M. Barot that the arrested persons were selling wheat in black market.

MISAPPROPRIATION: R. A. Solomon, an employee in a business firm, who is alleged to have cheated his employers of a sum of Rs. 2,500 and misappropriated the same, was produced at the Ballard Pier Court on Friday.

FOUND DEAD: The dead body of a Hindu woman was found lying near a well at Aink, village near Kurla on Thursday. The police took charge of the body and removed it to the City Morgue where it is at present lying unidentified.

MINIATURE RADIO STATION: The Special Branch of the C.I.D. unearthed on Thursday evening at St. Xavier Street a miniature Radio station. On information received earlier, the police raided a flat in Cordeiro House, when they found Ratanlal Dwarkadas Sharma transmitting market rates to some upcountry party. A complete wireless transmitting set was seized and Sharma was taken into custody.

OTHER ARRESTS: Crime Branch No. 2 of the city CID arrested five persons in the course of a raid for possession of 20 unauthorised ration cards.

INCITEMENT: The Special Branch of the Bombay CID arrested six men on Thursday on a charge of inciting people to commit communal violence in the city. Gulzadkhan Ajmatkhan and five other men were produced before a Chief Presidency Magistrate.

More Locals Not Possible

OTHER TRAINS TO BE SPEEDED UP

BOMBAY, Friday.

At a meeting of the B.B. & C.I. Railway, Bombay Local Advisory Committee held on 23rd March 1950 at the B.B. & C.I. Railway Office, the Chairman, Shri K. P. Mushran, General Manager, B.B. & C.I. Railway stated that he would convey the consensus of the opinion amongst the members of the Local Advisory Committee against the discontinuance of the Dining Cars on our through trains to the Railway Board.

In regard to the possibility of effecting an increase in the number of Suburban trains, the Chairman regretted that no such increase was possible till new coaching stock arrived which will take some time.

The Chairman announced that the Frontier Mail, Saurashtra Mail and Meerut Express and some other trains will be speeded up.

The alterations in the timings of the trains and the acceleration of their speeds will take effect from 1st April.

Two other important innovations to be brought about from 1st April will be the introduction of an air-conditioned coach between Bombay Central and Ahmedabad on Gujarat Mails and the running of a train entirely for Class III passengers between Bombay and Ahmedabad both ways. For this purpose, the present 31 Dn. and 32 Up Rajputana Mails will be named as Janata Express and will run with Class III coaches only.

In regard to the number of claims received and disposed of during the quarter ending 31st December 1942, it was stated that the number of claims disposed of and paid was greater than the same during the preceding quarter. There was a fall in the average time taken to settle a claim from 148 days in the preceding quarter to 105 days in the quarter ending 31-12-1949.

Islamic Name For Rupee

KARACH: (IPS)—As rupee is India's currency a move has been set afoot to get the Pakistan currency to change its name and rename it on Islamic tradition. Several names have been suggested. They are: Hilal, Sarfia, and Chand. It is pleaded that the word Hilal has great significance to Muslims and Pakistanis love to see the crescent and call it Hilal. Besides, it is claimed that the Islamic world respect and honour this word.

Pakistan Envoys In Gauhati

GAUHATI, March 24 (PTI): The Pakistan High Commissioner in India, Mr. Mohammed Ismail, the Deputy High Commissioner in India, and another Pakistani officer arrived in Gauhati last evening by plane from Calcutta.

Accompanied by the Assam Forest Minister, Mr. Rupnath Brahma, and the Additional District Magistrate of Kamrup, Mr. J. D. Carvalho, Mr. Mohammed Ismail and party left this morning on a tour of certain areas of Assam.

Carried Leaflets Inciting Muslims

CALCUTTA, March 23 (P.T.I.): Four Muslims were arrested today near Katigarh, in this district bordering East Pakistan, as they were found carrying prejudicial and alarming leaflets asking Muslims of the Cachar District to be prepared for "Pakistani attack of India within one month to convert Cachar District into Pakistan".

Bail was refused to the arrested persons, who have been remanded into jail custody pending investigation.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 6, 2006.
Musum: Jamadi-ul-Akher 5, 1369.
Parsi: Mehar 24, 1319.
Sunrise: 6-40 a.m. Sunset 6-51 p.m.
Hightide: 02-46, 16-22. Lowtide: 09-15, 21-42.

Today's Engagements

OIL MERCHANTS' CHAMBER: Third annual general meeting of the Chamber at Narsi Natha Street 4 p.m.
YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSOCIATION: Felicitation to Shri R. G. Saraiya, President Indian Merchants' Chamber, Laxmi Baugh, Sandhurst 5-30 p.m.
LIBERTARIAN SOCIALISY INSTITUTE: Mr. R. B. Lotwala will speak on Face the Reality' at Arya Bhuvan, Sandhurst Road 6 p.m.

TODAY'S RADIO

Air News From Delhi

nglish 8 a.m 1-30 p.m., 6, 9; Gujarati 8-45 a.m., 1 p.m., 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m., 1-40 p.m., 6-10, 9-15; Kannada 7-45 a.m., 7-45 p.m., Malayalam 7-30 a.m., 7-30 p.m., Maratni 8-30 a.m., 12-50 p.m. 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m., 7-15 p.m. Telegu 7 a.m., 1-50 p.m. 7-0 p.m.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor bhaee, 7-35 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme, 7-45 N Jekisondas and party, G bhajans, 8-15 W Padhye, lalit, 12-45 p.m Tantrakari, 12-50 N Jekinsond and party, G bhajans, 1-10 Garba, geet, bhajan, 1-40 Listeners' postbag, 2-0 Nagesh Masute, multani, 5-20 H Singh guitar, 5-30 For children, 6-10 E Rao, vocal, 6-30 Music theory and practice, 7-0 Day's topic, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 N Jekisondas and party, G bhajans, 7-30 E Rao, vocal, 7-45 For industrial workers, 8-15 H Singh, guitar, 9-30 Film songs, 9-45 V Weinreb, cinema films review, 9-55 Anything goes.

VARIATIONS

8-0 a.m. H Singh, guitar, 8-45 V B Deshpande, M compositions, 1-0 p.m. V B Deshpande, Marathi compositions, 1-30 Geet, garba, bhajan, 1-50 Composite preg., M. 6-0 S Raghaviah, K songs, 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news, 8-15 N Masute, K songs, 8-30 Letters' replies, M, 8-40 Musical interlude, 8-45 R Kinnikkar's roopak on "saggadiche rool", 9-0 Folk songs, 10-0 N Masute, vocal, 10-20 W Padhye, pilu.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. Salutation, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 M A Pandhareurkar, bansari, 8-15 K A Marathe gaud sarang, 8-30 p.m. As in Ahmedabad, 5-45 K Tanjorekar, bhajan, 6-10 M A Pandharourikar, bansari, 6-20 K Tanjorekar, bhajans, 6-30 For rural listeners 7-0 As in Ahmedabad, 7-15 listeners' letters' replies, 7-30 K Tanjorekar, bhajans, 7-45 Geet Gurjari, 8-0 Kumudben Thakore and party, garba, 8-30 K A Marathe, ..smayane raag, 9-30 D Shukla's play "deshni mati".

AHMEDABAD

7-20 a.m N R Benegal, bhajan, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 As in Baroda, 8-15 As in Baroda, 5-30 p.m. Tulsi's pad, 5-45 and 6-10 As in Baroda, 6-30 N R Benegal, khyal marwa, 6-45 Sordas' words 7-0 From new films, 7-15 N R Benegal, kh. saraswati, 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 Brahaanand's pads, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 As in Baroda, 9-30 D Shukla, play on "deshi mati", G.

DAY TEMPERATURES BELOW NORMAL

All-India Weather

POONA, March 24, (PTI): The following is the daily weather summary for Friday:—

Thundershowers have been widespread in Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Chota Nagpur and have occurred locally in Assam, Orissa and west Uttar Pradesh. A few thundershowers have also been reported from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Travancore-Cochin and the Simla hills.

Day and night temperatures were markedly below normal in north-west India and the central parts of the country, while the day temperatures along were markedly below normal in north-east India outside Assam.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING:—Scattered thundershowers are likely in north-east India, east Uttar Pradesh, Vindhya Pradesh, east Madhya Pradesh, east Hyderabad, coastal Andhradesh and the extreme south of the Peninsula. Dry weather will prevail elsewhere over the country.

Day temperatures will rise in north-west India.

Here is the weather chart:—

Ahmedabad 89 60 0 0 minus 0.2, Ahmednagar 93 59 0 0 minus 0.7, Allahabad 85 62 0 3.1 plus 0.8, Aurangabad 92 65 0 0 minus 0.8, Bangalore 94 73 0 0.2 minus 1.1, Baroda 92 54 0 0 minus 0.3, Belgaum 93 61 0 0 minus 0.8, Bhopal 86 58 0 2.1 plus 1.3, BOMBAY 86 70 0 0 minus 0.3, Calcutta 87 71 0 0.3 minus 2.4, Kanpur 82 61 0 1.2 minus 0.6, Cochin 87 80 0 6.3 plus 1.4, Coimbatore 97 74 0 1.9 minus 0.9, Cuttack 84 71 0.1 1.6 minus 0.6, Delhi 79 51 0 1.3 minus 1.4, Hyderabad 98 73 0 1.6 plus 0.2, Indore 87 52 0 0.2 minus 0.5, Jubbalpur 89 55 0 2.3 minus 0.1, Kolhapur 97 65 0 0 —, Lucknow 79 58 0 2.8 plus 0.7, Madras 93 77 0 0.9 minus 6.6, Mahabaleshwar 79 61 0 0 minus 0.6, Mangalore 87 75 0 0 minus 0.8, Mysore 95 72 0 0.8 minus 0.4, Nagpur 88 68 0 1.9 minus 0.1, Ootacamund 73 48 0 1.5 minus 2.9, Patna 87 66 0 0.5 minus 1.4, Poona 93 57 0 0 minus 0.3, Rajkot 89 57 0 0 minus 0.3, Sholapur 99 68 0 0.3 minus 0.5, Simla 37 28 0.6 11.2 plus 2.5, Surat 92 61 0 0 minus 0.3, Trivandrum 95 77 T 2.5 minus 2.5.

Report Contradicted

BOMBAY, Friday: The firm of Kilachand Devchand, Bombay, stated today that they had not placed any order for Japanese ships, as stated in a Tokyo report.

A. G. Venkatachala Mudaliar,
Branch Secretary,
Oriental Life Office.

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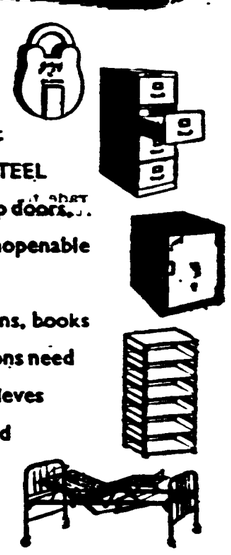

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CHANGE SOCIAL SET-UP

Jagjivan Ram's Call: Reply To Address

BOMBAY, Friday.

THE necessity of changing the social set-up of the country so that India would achieve her full status in the comity of nations was stressed by Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Minister for Labour, Government of India, replying to an address presented to him by the Bombay Municipal Corporation today.

The Minister also stated that the barriers of caste which divided India into water-tight compartments had to be broken down so that every man, woman and child would feel independent, and would appreciate his or her rights as a member of society.

The speaker added that some measures must be taken to eliminate the system of scavenging which at present relegated to an unfortunate class the lowly tasks, which by their very nature robbed it of self-respect and made it sink to undignified depths. Something had also to be done for the have-nots, because if steps were *not taken to give them relief in their* mode of living and to raise their social status, this class would take matters into its own hands and do something drastic. When it did, no force would be able to stop its progress Government may have to legislate so that the social order existing in the country was changed.

COMPLEX PROBLEMS

"Independence is not an end in itself. It is a means to an end. Steps towards social progress must be taken, and class distinctions must be eliminated," Mr. Jagjivan Ram said. If class differences were not eradicated, and exploitation of the masses stopped, the Congress could well be blamed for going back on its promises.

It was true that the Congress had not fully lived up to its promises. This was not because it had no desire to fulfil its pre-independence pledges to the people, but because immediately after it came into power, it had been confronted with several problems which for their magnitude and complexity had no parallel in the history of the world.

Partition, the Minister observed, had spelled untold suffering and hardship to millions of people, and had brought in its wake the twin problems of Kashmir and Hyderabad, and more recently the tragic happenings in East Bengal.

NEED FOR CAUTION

The Minister, however, deprecated the tendency of those people who clamoured for stern action against Pakistan, forgetting that the magnitude of the problem called for the exercise of great self-restraint and caution. These and other problems had engaged the attention of the Government, which had to safeguard the security of the state before it could devote itself to the solution of social problems, especially as there were elements who were trying to undermine the authority of the Government.

With reference to labour, Mr. Jagjivan Ram stated that productive labour was not given the respect due to it. This was due to a false sense of values. Besides respect, labour must be given some incentive for higher production. The capitalist could help in achieving this, provided he co-operated with labour. With regard to the agriculturist, the Minister said that he should be made to feel that he had a stake in whatever he was producing. Land should belong to those who tilled the soil and to *those who worked on it.*

In conclusion, Mr. Jagjivan Ram said that a person of his class would never have been honoured with an address by the Bombay Municipal Corporation had not Gandhiji succeeded in effecting to a certain extent a change in the minds of the people regarding their relations with their fellow men. Political freedom in itself was meaningless if it was not accompanied by the emancipation of society, and the subordination of sectional and communal interests to the interests of the state.

SERVICES

Reading out the address to the Minister, Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor, said that not more than 15 or 20 persons had been honoured by the corporation since its inception with an address. The address commended the patriotic past of the Minister who had borne the brunt of the struggle for freedom. It referred to the part played by him in the uplift of the Harijans prior to independence and later as a Minister of the State. It was in recognition of his meritorious services to the country that he was being honoured by the Corporation.

The address was designed in vellum parchment paper, and showed the Coat-of-arms of the Corporation at the top, with the Municipal Building painted at the bottom end in the centre, and the University Clock Tower at the right hand corner. A floral design ran all round. The hand inscription was in royal blue. It was mounted on silk, with a jari border on all sides.

The casket containing the address was of rose wood, with ivory work showing the Asoka Pillar, the Municipal coat-of-arms, the Municipal Building and the Gateway of India.

Earlier this afternoon Mr. Jagjivan Ram, paid a visit to the Bombay Technical Training Centre.

FULL SAFETY FOR THE CITIZEN

HOME MINISTER'S ASSURANCE

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, declared in the Bombay Legislative Assembly, today, that Government would leave no stone unturned to prevent molestation of law-abiding citizens by goondas. The Minister was replying to the debate on a cut by Mr. Tulsidas Jadhav, Peasants and Workers' Party, to discuss the working of the District Executive Force (Police).

The Assembly, after a two-day debate on various cut motions, sanctioned all the supplementary demands for grants, totalling Rs. 89,57,64,435, for the year 1949-50.

The Minister made it clear that it was not possible for any Government to guarantee complete security against undesirable elements. The utmost that Government could do was to create, with the help of the police, such an atmosphere in the State as to render such people powerless.

With this end in view, continued the Minister, Government had taken necessary steps to organise Home Guards and Village Defence Parties, and to put them on an efficient footing. These voluntary, non-official agencies, had helped reduce the incidence of crime in several parts of the State.

The Minister was confident that with the whole-hearted co-operation of these bodies, Government would be able to curb the spirit of gangsterism that corroded the vitals of the rural life in the State.

STILL DOMINANT

The Minister, however, admitted that in certain parts of the State, the criminal element was still dominant. Government machinery there had not been effective enough. The question was, however, one of them. They had yet to learn a lot, before they could achieve that state of society, in which there could be no harassment from mischief-doers.

The Minister concluded with the assurance that Government would not hesitate to bring to book those offenders among the rank and file of the police, against whom the charge of any kind of malpractice is conclusively proved.

Miss Indumati Seth, Parliamentary Secretary to the Chief Minister, replying to a cut by Mr. S. L. Karandikar (Independent) to discuss grants to non-Government secondary schools, said that the distribution of two annas per child in primary and secondary schools on Republic Day, was not a waste of money, as alleged by a member. She stated that this petty amount added greatly to the joy of the child, and helped it to buy some useful article.

All the cut motions were withdrawn.

SECURITY DEMANDS ON PRESS

The Home Minister Mr. Morarji Desai told the Bombay Legislative Assembly today that between 1946 and 1949. Government had demanded a security from 30 newspapers, printing presses and periodicals for various reasons. Most of these securities were for a sum of Rs. 3,000.

The Home Minister added that all these securities were deposited, and later refunded to the party concerned.

WAR PREPARATIONS IN PAKISTAN?

BOMBAY, March 24 (UPI): A batch of 414 refugees, who arrived here yesterday from Karachi by the S. S. 'Saraswati,' confirmed the reports that have been current for some time that preparations for war were going on in Pakistan and that a compulsory fund was being collected to help in the war-effort in Kashmir

This, their spokesman told the UPI, had created terror in the minds of the minority community, who had since decided to evacuate 'en masse.

They added that life for Hindus in Pakistan was a continual torture. They could not even move out of their houses without donning the Muslim dress, he stated.

The refugees have been sent to Mashrol transit camp near Nasik.

ASSESSEE FAILS

Interesting Reference

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Tendolkar.)

Podar Sons Ltd., Bombay. Applicants.

vs.

The Commissioner of Income-Tax (Central). ..... Respondent.

The assessee company are the Managing Agents of two mills—the Podar Mills Ltd. and the Shree Shakti Mills Ltd. Under the agency agreement with both the mills, the assessee company was entitled to a commission of 10 per cent on the annual net profits earned by the mills which was to be "due and payable" and was to be paid to the Managing Agents immediately after the annual accounts of the company had been passed by the Shareholders. The balance-sheet of the Podar Mills Ltd. as on 30th September 1943 was passed at the Annual General Meeting on 11th March 1944 and the agency commission of Rs. 5,45,681 was paid to the assessee company on 15th March 1944. The balance-sheet of the Shree Shakti Mills Ltd. as on 30th September 1943 was passed at the Annual General Meeting on 23rd March 1944 and the agency commission of Rs. 24,727 was paid to the assessee company on 12th April 1944. The question which was submitted by the Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal to the High Court on this Reference was whether these amounts paid to the assessee company as agency commission could be said to have "accrued" to the assessee company during the assessment year in question viz., 1944-1945 for which the previous year or accounting year was 1st October 1942 to 30th September 1943—the assessee company maintaining its books on the mercantile basis.

Relying on the words "due and payable" in the Managing Agency agreements, on behalf of the assessee it was contended that the commission did not accrue or arise till the accounts were passed by the Shareholders which was not till after the accounting year was over.

Their lordships in rejecting this contention observed that it was difficult to see how it could be stated that having earned the income, that income did not accrue or arise to the assessee company during the accounting year. Their Lordships stated that income might accrue or arise at a particular point of time but it might not be receivable or payable till another point of time. In their Lordships' opinion the words "due and payable" in the Managing Agency agreements were a mere compendious expression conveying that although the assessee had become entitled to the commission and had earned it, the commission was not to be paid till after the accounts were passed at a general meeting. Their Lordships held that since the assessee company maintained its accounts on a mercantile basis, the commission undoubtedly accrued or arose to the assessee company when the assessee company had earned the commission by working as Managing Agents from 1st October 1942 till 30th September 1943. In the result, their Lordships answered the question referred to them by the Income-Tax Tribunal in the affirmative and Ordered the assessee to pay the costs of the Reference to the Commissioner.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga with Mr. R. J. Kolah instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co. appeared for the applicants.

The Attorney-General Mr. M. C. Setalvad with Mr. G. N. Joshi instructed by Mr. N. K. Petigara, Solicitor to the Income-Tax Department appeared for the respondent.

Pak-Soviet Friendship

LAHORE, March 24 (PTI-Reuter): A new non-political body to be known as the Pakistan Soviet Cultural Association was formed in Lahore on Wednesday at a meeting of trade upion and kisan workers, students and others.

According to its organisers, the Association will be open to "all people who wish to promote friendly relations between Pakistan and the Soviet Union".

A committee of 23 members has been appointed for organising the branches of the Association.

Reserve Bank Nails A Pakistan Lie

BALANCE OF PAYMENT AND DEVALUATION

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, March 24.

ANOTHER Pakistan lie has been nailed to the counter. This one in connection with the balance of payments and devaluation. The Reserve Bank of India says in a report:—

"It appears that the magnitude of the balance of payment deficit relatively to the magnitude of the available foreign exchange resources in the two countries differs very insignificantly, though the decision not to devalue its rupee by Pakistan was supported mainly on the ground that Pakistan's balance of payments position was very near equilibrium—a point for which, factual support seems to be wanting—unless balance of payments is treated (erroneously) as being identical with balance of trade (on private account)."

The report adds:— "It is desirable to emphasise that Pakistan's surplus with India though large, it being of *the order of Rs. 43 crores for the* period ending December, 1949, does not appear to be large enough to cover its deficit with all the other countries. Of the surplus earned in its account with India, Pakistan was in a position to utilise for off-setting its deficit with other countries only that portion of it which was financed by India by transfer of Number one account sterling under the terms of Payments Agreement.

"The rest of the surplus which had been financed through an increase in the rupee balances of the State Bank or through the physical transfer of India's notes was of little use to Pakistan in meeting its deficit with other countries.

OTHER COUNTRIES

"As regard Pakistan's overall balance of payment position with countries other than India, in the absence of official figures, the magnitude of Pakistan's net payments position only be roughly be estimated from the variations in the sterling assets of the State Bank of Pakistan, which during the period June 30, 1948 to June 30, 1949 fell by more than fifty crores of rupees, if the amount of sterling received from India under the Payments Agreement were taken into account, if the latter is excluded, the reduction amounted to about fifty-one crores of rupees, which may be taken to represent roughly Pakistan's dis-investment in its payments position with all countries other than India. According to the Annual Report for 1948-49 of the State Bank of Pakistan, Pakistan's deficit (in private merchandise only) with countries other than India amounted to about Rs. 8 crores.

"The difference between the deficit on private merchandise and the amount of dis-investment exceeding Rs. fifty-three crores should naturally be attributed to its net imports on Government Account, and other net payments on account of service transactions. The pace in the reduction of sterling assets of the State Bank after 30, June 1949 was as under:—

Between July 1 to September 16, crores, arising on account of the writber 16 and September 23; Rs. 42 Crores, arising on account of the writing down of the value of sterling assets consequent on devaluation of sterling; between September 23 to December 31, Rs. ten crores (Pakistan Rupes); and from January 1 to February 10 1950 to about Rs. 2 crores (Pakistan Rupee).

"Thus the reduction in the sterling resources attributable to the deficit in its payments position for this period in all exceeded Rs. 25 crores (Pakistan Rupee). The total dis-investment of Pakistan with countries other than India for the entire period, July 1948 to December 1949 exceeded Rs. eighty-seven crores, compared with its surplus of Rs. forty-three crores with India, which, taking into account the size of its available resources and the volume of foreign trade, could not be either normal or moderate. In view of the little information available on Pakistan's balance of payments position, it appears worthwhile to draw a comparison between the size of the foreign assets available to both the Dominions as at the commencement of first July 1948 and measure the extent of relative reduction in them during the subsequent eighteen months.

ASSETS

"For India, the total available foreign assets on that date, after the exclusion of all extra-ordinary items, stood at Rs. 1053 crores, while for Pakistan it amounted to Rs. 188 crores. As the dis-investment amounted to Rs. 250 crores and Rs. 47 crores respectively, the percentage fall works out to twenty-four for India and twenty-five for Pakistan. In the light of these figures it is extremely difficult to dispute the existance of the balance of payment problem for Pakistan, not dissimilar to that of India, though its character in respect of different sectors might differ slightly in mangnitude if not in size.

"In conclusion, that points made out in the preceeding paragraphs may be summarised. The post-war history of India upto the date of partition threw out, among others the problem of a large deficit in the country's balance of Payment. This was inherited in an accentuated form by both the countries created by the Partition, for, apart from what was internal trade, was suddenly transformed into external trade. A unified currency and fiscal administration, and a greater mobility in the transfer of goods, men and money, which characterised the internal trade of pre-partition India were replaced by problems of exchange divergent fiscal administration and lesser mobility in the movement of factors of production, which characterised the external trade an its financing.

"The full effects of these sudden changes were sought to be minimised by the Trade and Payments Agreements, particularly the provisions in the latter relating to the parity rates, freedom of exchange transactions and reciprocal extensions of credit upto a certified amount. In spite of these the anticipated equilibrium did not materialise because of the emergence of tariff restrictions between the two countries and the severe exposure to competition in Pakistan of those commodities thriving under a protected market in India.

"By limiting purchases from India, Pakistan enjoyed a favourable balance with her of over Rs. forty-three crores for the eighteen months, ending December 1949 of which a part is financed by "India notes"; this curtailment of purchases from India necessitated an increase of its imports from other countries with the result that the deficit of Pakistan with other countries during the same period amounted to Rs. eighty-seven crores, the whole of which was financed out of its sterling resources."

Hartal In Banaras

BANARAS, March 24 (UPI): Hartal was observed in the city yesterday as a mark of protest against oppression of the minorities in East Bengal. Shops and markets remained closed and 'prabhat pheries' were taken out early this morning through different localities on behalf of various organisations. Vehicular traffic also remained suspended for half an hour at noon and cinema houses remained closed.

At a public meeting held in the evening, speeches condemning the atrocities on minorities were made. The speakers, however, appealed to the people to stand up against any likely repercussions here and maintain communal harmony and peace in the city.

DIAMONDS RUSHED TO FRENCH INDIA

In Anticipation Of Rise In Import Duty

KARAIKAL, March 24 (PTI): The Government of France have approved of the recommendation of the French India Representative Assembly enhancing the import duty on diamonds from Rs. 2-8-0 to Rs. 5 per carat.

The new duty will come into effect from the date of its publication in the French India Gazette.

In anticipation of the increase in import duty, diamonds worth over a crore of rupees have recently been imported into French India, it is learnt.

KEPT EVACUEE'S RIFLE WITH THEM

Allegation Against 3 Police Officers

JULLUNDUR, March 23. (PTI): Three police officers—Ujjagar Singh, Bawasingh and Tirth Ram—were today produced before Sardar Wayam Singh, Magistrate, to answer a charge of possessing unlicensed arms and ammunition.

Their arrests followed a claim by the Pakistan authorities for return of a rifle which belonged to a Muslim evacuee. It was alleged that the officers had recovered the rifle from an evacuee and instead of depositing it with the Government, kept it with themselves and later forwarded a bogus receipt to Government, showing that the rifle had been sold to them by the evacuee.

Anniversary Of Bhagat Singh's Martyrdom

AMBALA, March 23. (PTI): Anniversary of the martyrdom of Bhagat Singh, Sukh Dev and Rajguru—who were executed in Lahore Central Jail on March 23, 1931 was observed here today under the auspices of the Congress Committee. A public meeting was held on the occasion. Pandit Bhagat Ram Shukla presided.

A number of speakers paid glowing tributes to the courageous and heroic deeds of the three martyrs in the struggle for the country's freedom.

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TWO MORE GIRLS DISAPPEAR MYSTERIOUSLY

BOMBAY, Friday.

Following in the wake of the disappearance from the Delhi Express last week of two teenage Gujarati girls—one of them married, the police have received complaints from the guardians of two other girls who are also reported to have mysteriously disappeared at about the same time.

Sarala Nagindas, residing at Jawahir Mansion at Thakurdwar, with her family, has not been seen since the day she left her house to go for a walk, a week ago. Sarala's people are worried as to what has happened to her, and have placed the matter in the hands of the police, who so far have met with no success in tracing the girl's present whereabouts.

Another girl who came all the way from Gujarat to appear for some examination in Bombay, is also reported missing. She too was while in the City, living with her uncle in Thakurdwar. On the last day of the exam, it is reported, the girl never turned up home after finishing her papers. Her people who were anxiously waiting for her till late in the night, frightened at the prospect of something untoward having befallen her searched for her in all likely and unlikely places. Their search proving futile; they complained to the police. Upto now the police also have achieved no results.

It is wondered whether the disappearance of these girls is the work of some gang of kidnappers who are operating in the City, as all the four girls, disappeared almost simultaneously and in more or less similar circumstances.

I. A. F. Chief Inspects Ambala Station

AMBALA, March 24 (PTI): Piloting a single-seater Spitfire, fifty-two-year-old Air Marshal R. Ivelaw-Chapman, Chief of Air Staff and Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Air Force, landed at the Ambala airfield this morning on an inspection visit to the number one Air Force Academy I.A.F. station.

On alighting, he was received by Group Captain K. L. Sondhi, officer commanding the station.

Air Marshal Ivelaw-Chapman then inspected a guard of honour presented by a detachment of airmen led by Flight Lieut. G. S. Punnia.

After lunching with the officers of the station, the Air C-in-C flew back to Delhi in his Spitfire.

17 Arrests In Gauhati

GAUHATI, March 24 (PTI): The police today effected seventeen arrests in connection with the recent disturbances in Gauhati.

One knife attack was reported in the city yesterday.

Armed police have been posted at the Gauhati bus station following a stone-throwing incident yesterday on a passenger bus of the State transport.

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Railways Lodge A Strong Protest

CHAMPAKLAL HIT BY JITENDER OF DELHI

National Hockey Tourney Quarter Finals

BHOPAL, March 24. (PTI): The Combined Railways after nullifying an early reverse late in the second half were held to one-one draw by Delhi in the quarter final of the National Hockey Championships here this evening.

An ugly scene after the match marred the well-contested game. After the final whistle when the teams were returning to their enclosure Jitender, Delhi's right half, was seen to land a blow with his stick on the Railways outside left, Champaklal. The Railways captain, Kishenlal, intervened but some more Delhi players rushed on them and handled them roughly. The situation threatened to take a more ugly turn but the public and the police intervened.

Champaklal told P.T.I. later: "Once during play I went up to him (Jitender) to apologise but he turned round instead and hit me with his stick.

The manager of the Railways team later lodged a strong protest against Delhi's behaviour.

Delhi, one of the four seeded teams, made their first appearance today and gave high hopes to their supporters when they went into lead in the sixth minute. However, fine defence and sound tackling and distribution by the half backs soon gave the Railways a marked superiority over the Midfield play.

Railways went on from strength to strength and subjected Delhi defence to gruelling spells of pressure. Railways right wing combination between Kishenlal, Jones and Manna assumed dangerous proportions while outside left Champaklal also shone.

Delhi's deep defenders Suraj and Kishan acquitted themselves well but their half backs were inclined to be over robust in their tackling. In Delhi's forward line, inside right Tara and inside left Vishnu displayed cleverness with the stick while outside left Gurbachan showed fine turn of speed.

With the Railways taking time to settle down Delhi held the upper hand right from the start and took the lead in the sixth minute through outside left Gurbachan off a long corner. The Railways now attacked spiritedly and soon dominated the exchanges but Delhi's defence though showing distinct signs of weakening weathered the storm.

The ball went from end to end in the final stage of the initial half with the Railways retaining the initiative. In the early stages of the second half the railways forced several short corners without avail and at the other end Garrett saved a fine short corner drive of Kishan, Delhi's left back. The Railways, however, continued to press hard and Champaklal's first timer off a melee hit the cross bar and rebounded into play.

Eight minutes from the end the Railways drew level with a dramatic goal. Champaklal ran through and passed across and Sodhi, Delhi's custodian, rushed out to foil Santuram, the Railway's centre forward. Santuram however managed to take possession of the ball again and scooped it in which Delhi's defender stopped with his hands but not before it crossed the goalline and umpire Gian Singh signalled a goal without hesitation.

There was no further scoring and the match will be replayed tomorrow.

TEAMS: COMBINED RAILWAYS: Garrett, Wahibullah and Lal Mohomed, Manna, Pyaralal and Rozario, Jones, Kishanlal, Santuram, Munir and Champaklal.

DELHI TEAM

Sodhi; Suraj and Kishan; Jitender, Tarlok and Peshori; Purshottam, Tara, Kaka, Bishnu and Gurbachand.

UMPIRES: Major Iftikhar Mohammadkhar of Bhopal and Gian Singh of Delhi.

NO DECISION YET TAKEN

Joe Louis Has Still Not Made Up His Mind

EL PASO (Texas), March 23. (PTI-Reuter): Marshall Miles, manager to former world heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, said here that no decision had yet been made as to whether Louis would attempt to regain his former title. Earlier this week Miles said that a decision would be announced on Saturday. But he stated today that the announcement would be delayed as he had to confer with officials of the International Sporting Cluo in New York next week.

In the Day's Sport

BILLIARDS

Islam Gymkhana

6 p.m. J. Wood vs. Rafeek Dina (Table No. 1); M. Concessio vs. M. H. Karim.

(Western India Billiards Tournament).

HOCKEY

Cooperage

3-40 p.m. Pansies vs. Greys' C'.
4-40 p.m. Lusis "B" vs Greys "B"
5-40 p.m. City "B" vs Greys "A".
(Hayes Cup).

No Direct Affiliation For Maharashtra

BOMBAY, Friday.

The application for separate affiliation of the Maharashtra Football Association with the Indian Football Federation has been turned down, it is learnt, by the national body after due deliberation, at the annual meeting held at Delhi on Tuesday. The Federation held that there cannot be more than one Association in one State. Besides, the W.I.F.A., opposed the application.

HABIB HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Shaukat Dossa Wins Championship

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Habib High School held its Seventh Annual Athletic Meet at the Brabourne Stadium today. The limelight of the day was stolen by Shaukat Dossa who claimed the Individual Championship by winning five events and came second in one of the six events he entered for.

Another outstanding item, that was included, was the Mass-Drill and March-Past by the students which was repeatedly applauded by the audience present.

A heavy programme was gone through and all the items were keenly contested. Marked discipline was witnessed and all the items were very regularly gone through.

The House Championship for the Games was won by the Blue-House which scored 18 points and Shaukat Dossa claimed the Individual Championship with 28 points to his credit.

The first prize for best marching was awarded to the Red-House.

At the end Janab Haji Esmail A. Panju, the President, gave away the prizes.

INTER-OFFICE TENNIS

Edward Textiles In Final

BOMBAY, Friday.

Edward Textiles qualified to meet Mahindra and Mahindra in the final of the Inter Office Tennis Tournament by this evening beating Adsindia by two matches to nothing this evening at the Hindu Gymkhana Courts.

Vasant and Maniar who were the mainstay of Edward Textiles did not have an easy time and they were fully extended by C. L. Savara and Fatesinjhi of Kutch. The latter pair gaining a set which was hotly contested.

Vasant in partnership with Gurtu scored a facile win this time at the expense of Jit Kantawalla and Panjwani winning two straight.

The remaining two matches were unfinished.

The following were the results:—

EDWARD TEXTILES BEAT ADSINDIA 2-0.

Vasant and Maniar beat C. L. Savara and Fatehsinjhi of Kutch 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Vasant and Gurtu beat J. M. Kantawalla and Panjwani 6-5, 6-2.

Vasant and Maniar versus J. M. Kantawalla and Panjwani 2-6, 5-5 (unfinished).

C. L. Savara and Fathesinjhi of Kutch versus Khatau and Gurtu 6-2, 1-6, 1-5 (unfinished).

SWEDEN CLAIMS CHAMPIONSHIP

World Amateur Greco-Roman Wrestling

STOCKHOLM, March 23. (PTI-Reuter): Sweden with 15 points, head the nations taking part in the world amateur Greco-Roman wrestling championships, which ended here tonight.

Turkey was second with 13 points and Hungary third with eight points.

The new champions are:

FLYWEIGHT—B. Johansson (Sweden).
BANTAM—M. Hassan (Egypt).
FEATHER—O. Anderberg (Sweden).
LIGHT—J. Gal (Hungary).
WELTER—M. Simanainen (Finland).
MIDDLE—A. Grenberg (Sweden).
CRUISER—M. Candas (Turkey).
HEAVY—B. Antonsson (Sweden).

Second and third, in order in each weight were: Fly—A. Yuecel (Turkey), A. Hamid (Egypt) Bantam—M. Kaya (Turkey), P. Lombardi (Italy); Feather—S. Taha (Lebanon), S. Khandil (Egypt); Light—G. Freij (Sweden), T. Yeuce (Turkey); Welter—C. Atik (Turkey), A. G. Andersson (Sweden): Middle—A Oezsdemir (Turkey), G. Nemeti (Hungary); Cruiser—G. Kovacs (Hungary), Anderson (Norway): Heavy—G. Bobbis (Hungary), A Candemir (Turkey).

Poor Fare At Cooperage

BOMBAY XI HELD TO A DRAW

BOMBAY, Friday.

Bombay's Hockey XI for the National Hockey Championship was given a final work out when they played an exhibition match at the Cooperage against a Goa XI which ended in both sides sharing two goals.

The Bombay side who have but practiced are unable to combine well still. High hopes were at first showered on the team when they were asked to turn up for P.T. and practice but when the Invitation tournament started the Bombay team was forgotten only to rise two days ago.

Individual play will not get the Bombay side anywhere but they are lucky that Reg Rodrigues has with the greatest of difficulty managed to persuade his higher authorities to grant him the necessary leave with Reg back he needs a centre forward with speed and clever distribution power.

The rival defences once again acquitted themselves creditably. Menezes in Goa's goal gave a grand display to keep his goal intact in the first half. Louis Vaz and Braganza impressed in the Goan attack. For the Bombay side one thing must be said they gace a disappointing display.

Frank Correa and Lenny D'Souza switched over from the Bombay XI to the Goa XI and vice versa.

The first half was blank. Correa put Goa in the lead in the second session. Walter D'Souza equalized for Bombay by way of the usual penalty corner.

The teams:—

GOA XI: Menezes, J. D'Souza, G. D'Costa, H. D'Souza, G. Pereira, R. Fernandes; L. Vaz, J. Vaz, L. D'Souza A. Braganza, F. Coutinho.

BOMBAY XI: L. Pinto; O. Ferreira W. D'Souza; Perumal, Amir Kumar, Maxie Vaz; C. Gomes, J. D'Mello, F. Correa, R. Rodrigues, L. Fernandes.

SLAPDASH'S GREAT VICTORY

Liverpool Spring Cup

LIVERPOOL, March 24 (PTI-Reuter): Lord Derby's Slapdash won the Liverpool Spring Cup, run over one mile two furlongs 170 yards here today.

R. Clark's Shall Cross was second, and Sir John Jarvis's Bakersgate third. Seventeen ran.

Betting: Nine to one Slapdash, seven to one Shall Cross six to one Bakersgate. Jock Scot was favourite at nine to four.

Won by half a length with one and a half lengths between second and third.

Interrogated did not run.

Monaghan Relinquishing Titles

BELFAST (Northern Ireland), March 24. (PTI-Reuter): Rinty Monaghan, Belfast's 29 years old world fly weight champion, today announced that he is relinquishing his world, European, British and British Empire titles because of ill health.

He is suffering from bronchial catarrh, which makes it difficult for him to breathe after exertion.

Monaghan was recently ordered by the European Boxing Union to defend his European title against French Champion Honore Pratesi. "After doing some roadwork in preparation for this fight I realised that I could not continue, so I am hanging up my gloves," he said.

After his fights, win or lose, Monaghan always sang for the crowd. His favourite song was "when Irish eves are smiling". Now he intends to confine his activities to the stage.

He has not fought since he drew with Terry Allen, London Barrow boy, in a world title fight at Belfast in September last.

He won his world title over two years ago by knocking out Jackie Paterson of Glasgow in the seventh round here.

Monaveen May Start As Favourite

GRAND NATIONAL TO BE RUN TO-DAY

LIVERPOOL, March 24 (PTI-Reuter):— The Royal horse, Monaveen, owned by the Queen and her daughter Princess Elizabeth and running in the latters colours, may start favourite for tomorrow's big steeplechase, the Grand National.

Even if the present favourite Freebooter, who should beat the Royal Gelding on the book of form starts at a shorter price, Monaveen will still almost certainly carry the money and hopes of more people than any other horse in the race.

He will probably be favourite on the totalisor.

The small punter who has a few shillings each way on this four and a half mile chase, run at Aintree near here, just as normally does on the Derby, is this year putting his, and especially her, money on the Royal horse.

The wagers are small but their weight has caused a considerable shrinkage in the price.

The bookmakers are philosophical however and one of them today said, "If Monaveen is the winner it will give such a wonderful fillip for racing that, as far as I am concerned, it will be a pleasure to pay".

Not all layers will take such a view, for if Monaveen wins it will cost some of them a very great deal of money, for the Royal horse has been extensively coupled in doubles with the Lincolnshire winner dramatic, as well as for the National only.

One bookmaker said that a great many people who had never had a bet in their lives were having something on Monaveen.

The two Royal owners will be in the Royal box at Aintree tomorrow hoping for the second Royal win in fifty years. The King will be there to add his encouragement and so will Princess Elizabeth's younger sister, Margaret.

A young girl will be almost as keen as the Royal family for Monaveen to win. She is nine year old Lyn Hawkesley, daughter of Dai Hawkesley the greyhound trainer who once owned Monaveen. She was very upset when her favourite horse, who used to carry a milk float behind him, was sold and rose high in the social scale, but she still retains the keenest interest in her old friend despite her tender years.

The police are putting special guards on the stables tonight—not only outside the stall of the Royal horse which has no particular privilege but outside most of the favourites. The lesser fancied horses will have an eye kept on them by patrols.

This is as a result of "Stunt reports" not taken too seriously, that there might be some attempt to "nobble" the favourites. One report said a bribe had been offered a boy to "get at" Cromwell, stable companion of Monaveen.

Though the weather at Aintree was better today with some sun, the going tomorrow will be soft and heavy and falls are expected to be numerous. The field will be one of the biggest ever in the long history of the race which is going to make it all the harder to win.

Loose horses will take their usual toll and many of the contenders will be brought down through no fault of their own.

The Giant Bechers Brook fence almost five feet high and one of the most formidable of the thirty jumps has been rebuilt this year and is stiffer than ever. It will take a heavy toll.

It is customary to say each race is the "most open ever" with succeeding years. It is the same this time. One could back 25 horses, half the field, and still not be certain of getting one in the first three.

Of the best backed Roimond seems the safest wager because he was second last year and has jumped beautifully this season.

Of the longshots Cadamstown, Inchmor, Inverlochy and Royal Mount appear to have much better chances than their prices would suggest.

Cadamstown is a winner over the course. Inchmore, though ageing, has four times run in races over part of the course without having ever fallen; Inverlochy has shown great improvement and on his only other visit to Aintree finished fourth in the Bechers Chase while Royal Mount was third last year.

If there is a surprise in store it might come from one of this quartet. Royal Cottage is a doubtful runner for the Grand National.

His trainer W. Payne said tonight: "Mr. H. Pretyman, who owns Royal Cottage, has informed me that he does not want to run the horse at Aintree".

CHAMPION IRISH JOCKEY INJURED

Will Not Ride Roimond In The Grand National

LONDON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Martin Molony, champion Irish Jockey, will be unable to ride Lord Bicester's Roimond in Saturday's Grand National. Ron Francis, who rode Roimond into second place last year, will now have the mount.

Molony, who was injured at a recent Wolverhampton Meeting, said at Liverpool today "I still do not feel one hundred per cent fit and Lord Bicester has kindly released me from the engagement".

DON BOSCO'S ENTER FINAL

Junior Aga Khan Hockey Tourney

BOMBAY, Friday

Don Bosco High School qualified to meet St. Xavier's in the final of the Junior Aga Khan Hockey Tournament when they accounted for St. Andrew's by two goals to nil this evening.

Quite in contrast to yesterday's school boys game this evening was not so very enjoyable and was also of a much lower standard. Much misunderstanding between the forwards and the halfs was the reason.

Both the goals for the winners were scored in the second half and that too in the last ten minutes of play. Sidney Cordeiro and Leslie Vingvre were the goal scorers.

The teams:—

DON BOSCO B Furtado. B D'Costa, A. Rodrigues; E. D'Souza, E Alphonso, B Fernandes; G. Fernandes L. Vingyer, S Cordeiro, P. Pereira, F. Fernandes.

ST. ANDREWS: J Collet; M Santos, A. Misquitta; A. Almeida, I D'Souza, A. Gomes; A. Khan, S Almeida, A. Viegas, M. D'Mello, Stephen D'Souza.

AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Fixtures For Opening Days

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Aga Khan Hockey Tournament commences on Monday, March 27 on the Bombay Gymkhana Ground.

The following are the fixtures:—

Monday, March 27 at 5-30 p.m. Juveniles vs. St. Xavier's 'B'.

Tuesday March 28 at 5-30 p.m. B.E.S.T. vs. Kirkee United.

Wednesday, March 29 at 5-30 p.m. Catholic Gymkhana vs. St. Xavier's Association.

Thursday, March 30 at 5-30 p.m. Services XI vs. B.B. & C.I. Rly. 'B'.

Downpour Has Best Chance In Chief Events

SUNDRI AND MASQUERADE MAY ALSO SCORE

BY OUR TRACK REPORTER

BOMBAY, Saturday: Mr. A. C. Ardeshir's Downpour, who has performed extremely well in her preparations appears a good thing for the chief event at tomorrow's programme. Baroda-owned Raghu has also pleased on the track and is likely to resist.

Sundri and Masquerade compete with excellent chances in their respective events.

The following are my selections:—

1st race—
DIAMOND CAVE Win
FAIRY GATES Next best
If absent KRISHNAKAMAL

2nd race—
LOYAL PRINCE Win
RAJAJI Next best
If absent BOTTICELLI

3rd race—
PRINCESSA Win
BATTLE OUT Next best

4th race—
SUNDRI Win
GAY RADHA Next best

5th race—
DOWNPOUR Win
RAGHU Next best

6th race—
MASQUERADE Win
PAVAN Next best

7th race—
BRILLIANT SUNSHINE Win
KABIR Next best

8th race—
RIVIERA Win
BIHARI Next best

CHOICE TREBLE:
LOYAL PRINCE
SUNDRI and
MASQUERADE

FLUKES:
GAY PILOT and
QUEEN OF GWALIOR.

Full House Records Excellent Spurt

BOMBAY, Friday.

The following track-trials have been noted this morning at Mahalaxmi:—

OUTER TAN:

FLYING ARROW (Whitemde) was out on slow work over three furlongs. Timing: 38 3/5 seconds.

COUNT BOBBY (Din Md.) held AZIZEH (Shaikh) when covering four furlongs in 55 seconds.

TARRICK (Cunningham) covered three furlongs in 39 seconds.

HARLEM LIGHTS (Rajoo) disposed of MANDANA (Purtu) when covering five furlongs in 1 minute 6 seconds.

CHANDRALEKHA (Kasbekar) covered three furlongs in 39 seconds.

STAR OF MAHAL (Mull) was in hand when negotiating three furlongs in 39 seconds.

QUEEN OF GWALIOR (Kasbekar) was not pressed when sent over three furlongs. She returned 38 seconds.

AMORETTE (J. Bhosle) beat CORAL (R.B.) when sent over three furlongs. Timing: 37 seconds.

PROGRESS (Shaikh) covered three furlongs in 37 seconds.

LALAJI (Dhanvade) moved better than GAY GIRL (Medhe) when covering three furlongs in 37 1/3 seconds.

LONDON TAN (R.B.) clocked a spurt over three furlongs in 39 seconds. He moved at a fair pace.

STRIDING EDGE (Sk. Ahmed) QUIP (F. Md.) and LA CONTESSE (Sethna) lay in the order mentioned when covering three furlongs in 39 seconds.

CHRISSIE DARLING (R.B.) covered three furlongs in 39 seconds.

MONTPORT (Cunningham) and QUEEN OF HEARTS (R.B.) finished in close order when striding over half mile in 54 seconds.

RACE GRASS:

PEGGOTTY (Gubumali) had the measure of MALABAR STAR (Kasbekar) when covering a mile in 1 minute 52 seconds.

MANIANA (Kadam) made a noteworthy spurt over three furlongs in 39 seconds.

FIND OUT (Hanuman) recorded a gallop over six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds.

CHOCOLATE BABY (Kan Singh) showed out from KRISHNA KAMAL (Purtu) and BLUE VALLEY (R.B.) when undergoing an excellent spurt over three furlongs. Timing: 34 1/3 seconds.

THE CAVALIER (Kadam) was not fully extended when making three furlongs in 36 1/2 seconds.

ARMINA (Pierce) covered three furlongs in 37 1/3 seconds.

GALLANT MAN (Hanuman) moved better than MASKED PLAYER (Sk. Ahmed) and STARSHELL (Guman) when sent over five furlongs. He returned 1 minute 5 seconds. The last-named lay far behind.

MADRAS (Hanuman) beat CHARMINAR (R.B.) when covering six furlongs in 1 minute 21 1/3 seconds.

Argentine Polo Players Leaving For Cairo

NEW DELHI, March 24 (PTI). Jose M. Torres Zavaleta and Carlos Torres Zavaleta, the two Argentine polo players who played a number of exhibition matches in Jaipur and Delhi and Bombay are leaving for Cairo on April 6 'en route' to Spain where they have been invited by the Spanish Polo Association to take part in Spanish Polo in June and July.

After their fixture in Spain, they will tour round Europe and return to Argentine in about September.

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GRAND POLO DISPLAY BY ARMY TEAM

"La Concepcion" Win By A Narrow Margin

NEW DELHI, March 24 (PTI): The Argentine "La Concepcion" beat the C-in-C's Army Polo team by a narrow margin of five goals to four this evening.

As there was no gate money, a big crowd turned up to watch the last game of the foreigners in India. At the end of the match, the Maharani of Jaipur gave away prizes to members of both the teams.

The Argentine captain Jose Zavaleta paid high tributes to the Indian Army players. He said "I am surprised at the way these young players have played against us. There combination was wonderful. With a little more luck they would have beaten us."

Bijay Singh and Kishan Singh, he said, were really promising and "there is no reason why they should not become excellent players", if they were given proper facilities.

The Army lost an almost sure victory as hardly three minutes before the last chakkar, they were leading with four goals to three. The crowd watched the equalizer through Carlos with abated breath and when it seemed the match would end in a draw Carlos picked up another-ridden ball by Jose and deflected it in just near the left pole.

The game opened at a fast pace and each end was visited in quick succession both sides trying hard to get the vital goal but when the first bugle was sounded neither side had gained any advantage. The opening of the second chakkar put the Army ahead with a goal by Govind Singh. Carlos now made a good run from a side but he just missed the mark. Once again he missed the opportunity when Kishen Singh crossed Loring and a sixty yard penalty was awarded against the Army. The ball was well lifted but it went out.

The visitors kept up the pressure throughout but they failed to equalise in the second chakkar.

In the third, however, La Concepcion succeeded in levelling up through Carlos. There were nevertheless a number of misses by both sides. Both teams resorted to long and hard hitting and galloping but there was hardly a player on either side who was not marked. Kishan Singh made one good solo effort but he failed to hit the ball near the goal. Carlos on the other side tried to score with a good back hand drive but the ball went a little off the mark. Jose missed yet another goal with a fine shot.

The Army had two goals lead in the fourth chakkar after the interval, Kishan Singh scored the second goal and Zorawar Singh the third off a pass from Bijay Singh. The Army side was better mounted and seemed to be slightly better than the other side.

The fifth chakkar kept the crowd at a high pitch of excitement. Jose sent a pass to Kittredge about 70 yards from the goal but Kittredge failed to take it up. Jose managed to regain it and with a solo effort tapped it in. Carlos followed this up by an equaliser.

The last chakkar started at a terrific pace. Jose crossed Bijay and a sixty yards hit was taken by Bijay but Jose checked it and cleared it on the left. Now Kishan Singh took the ball from the centre and with a beautiful shot put the army ahead once again. This was their lead and they seemed to be quite sure of retaining it, when about two minutes before the end Carlos sprang a surprise with a difficult goal and with the final bugle he deflected in a ball near a goal post that was just crossing the boundary line. This was the lucky winner.

THE TEAMS—LA CONCEPCION: Lt. Comd. G. W. Kittredge, Jose Mr. Torrez Zavaleta, Carlos Torrez Zavaleta, and Brig W. W. A. Loring:

C-IN-C.'s ARMY: Lt. Col Zorawar Singh, Lt. Kishan Singh, Capt Bijay Singh and Major Govind Singh.

G. E. FACTORY WIN

Football At Calicut

CALICUT, March 23. (PTI): Government Electric Factory, Bangalore, defeated the Hindu-Muslim-Christian Association, Calicut by five goals to one in the Nagjee Amersee Challenge Cup Tournament played here this evening.

Nari, centre forward was responsible for four of the five goals Babu right-out scored the other goal. A. K. Bhaskar (Captain) inside left reduced the margin for the losers.

Rajasthan Club, Calcutta will meet Government Electric Factory, Bangalore on March 26.

BOMBAY'S HOCKEY TEAM LEAVES TODAY

Louis Vaz A Late Inclusion In Side For National

BOMBAY, Friday.

Seventeen players have been selected to make the trip to Bhopal and represent Bombay in the National Hockey Championships. Bombay meet Mysore on Monday in the quarter-final round.

The Bombay team leaves on Saturday March 25 by the Punjab Mail for Bhopal and Dr. John Pinto will accompany the team as manager.

The following players will assemble at V.T. tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Leo Pinto, S. Menezes, O. Ferreira, Walter D'Souza, R. S. Gentle. Rozario, Fernandes, Perumal, Amir Kumar, Maxie Vaz, G. Gomes, Louis Vaz, Joe D'Mello, F. Correia, Lenny D'Souza, Reggie Rodrigues, Lawrie Fernandes, Francis Coutinho.

A new manager has had to be found as the originally selected manager J. Jameson of the Bombay City Police cannot be spared by his authorities at this juncture.

There will be two names found added to the original list of sixteen players that were selected. Ivor Abraham having dropped out his place is filled by Lenny D'Souza, but the name of Louis Vaz does not seem to appear by mere accident.

With the two exhibitions seen so far Bombay's selectors are alive to the fact that they need a fast right winger who will use his head. Louis Vaz's selection at this late juncture is not surprising.

Whatever the selection may be it is too late to fill in gaps and one thing that Bombay's hockey fans would wish is that the team has all the luck in the world to bring the Inter-Provincial trophy home somehow or the other.

CHAI K. O's MICKEY HILL

BRISBANE, March 24 (PTI-Reuter): Chai Sitphol of Siam tonight scored a technical knockout over the Australian flyweight champion Mickey Mill in the eleventh round of their scheduled twelve rounds contest.

Sitphol scaled 8 stone 3-3/4 pounds and Hill one pound more.

The Bombay Chronicle

UNITE FOR NATIONALISM

Mr. Jai Prakash Narain has declared that if an emergency government is formed on the East Bengal issue, he or his partymen may join the Cabinet. What is more, he has stated categorically that the Socialist Party is always ready to support the Government on any firm action they might take. Apart from this, there is evidence in Mr. Jai Prakash's statement that the knowledge, which he has been placed in possession of since his talks with the Prime Minister, has had a distinctly chastening effect on him. Whilst in his earlier statement—he complains that he was misunderstood but not as regards this particular point which he in fact reaffirms—he had demanded that Indian forces should enter Pakistan not for invasion but for helping the minorities there, now he adopts the very reasonable attitude that before we can think of helping minorities in other lands, we have to attend to conditions within the country; Mr. Jai Prakash also remarks that communal troubles in India have "weakened the hands of those who wanted firm action to be taken with regard to Pakistan". It is very evident that these two ideas have greatly influenced the Socialist Leader and that because of it he is conscious of the difficulties of the situation. It would have, in the circumstances, been more becoming had he made his offer of cooperation unconditional instead of tagging on a wholly superfluous "on any firm action they might take". If he cannot point out an effective workable "firm action" policy, then surely it is desirable that he admits it and removes one cause of confusion in the public mind. Mr. Jai Prakash is not the man to seek an invitation to the Cabinet; on the contrary, he suffers from an almost painful anxiety to avoid the least suspicion of fishing for office. But, in view of the past record of the Socialists and their rejection of responsibility, he should have overcome his sensitiveness and put the position quite clearly. All these ifs and doubts do not help in getting the nation together in a common effort.

Mr. Jai Prakash Narain wants a national emergency government. He wishes it to be preceded by a Prime Minister's conference of representative Indians to evolve a national policy, as a means of compensating for a legislature that is not fully representative. It is unfortunate that he should have said this in the context of the East Bengal problem because we do not see any basic differences that can be covered up by a conference. The broad lines of division are between the communal and national points of view, and there is no common basis on which to get these opposed forces together. Even if it were possible, it would be most undesirable and instead of giving more precision, as the Social Leader expects, it will only give rise to greater confusion and uncertainty. Mr. Jai Prakash has given sounder advice in the same statement when he warns against hopes set on a change of government. It will be well if all the national forces got together without any hair-splitting. Mr. Jai Prakash holds that the first thing to strengthen the hands of India is to put things in order here; so does the Government of India. He is firm in upholding the secular State ideal. In the circumstances, cannot other things be put aside for the present? Let the Socialists ponder well over the thought that any rift between the Congress and the Socialists will only be of advantage to the communalists.

Art And Art Education

The Jehangir Art Gallery whose foundation stone was laid by the Home Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, fulfils the crying need for an institution of its kind in Bombay. The gallery has been made possible by a generous donation by Sir Cowasji Jehangir to the Government of Bombay. The Chief Minister, Mr. B. G. Kher, made, in his address, a few interesting observations on the significance of art in the context of national reconstruction. He emphasised the need for reinstatement of the ancient art tradition among the people and of restoration of art to revitalise their aesthetic sense. The achievement of both these objectives presupposes training of the people in appreciation of Indian art and the grounding of artists in it. Mr. Kher also thought it appropriate to say something concerning his Government's approach to art. The Art education Committee had kept in view the two aspects of art education to which he made a reference. It had presented a well-knit plan in which art-training as an integral part of school education and education of artists were logically integrated.

The Committee's recommendations as regards introduction of art in school education were based upon the latest methods and marked a distinct advancement over the current system. A course of art appreciation, more or less of a theoretical nature, for all students in the final standards of secondary education formed an important part and end of the committee's scheme. The Committee had further suggested substitution of the present two drawing grade examinations by a single test—the preliminary art examination. With such a scheme the Committee had aimed at laying down a common and higher standard of preliminary art training for students including the minority intended for admission to schools of art. But the Government has not favoured all the recommendations of the Committee pertaining to art in school education. It has agreed to substitute the two grade examinations by a single and separate test, but it has proposed to institute the preliminary art examination suggested by the Committee for students going to schools of art and expects that this examination will, in due course, be merged with the S.S.C. examination. Further the Government has found that the introduction of an art appreciation course as an examination subject was not practicable and has come to the conclusion that 'Drawing and Printing' as an optional subject for the S.S.C. examination would suffice to foster the aesthetic sense in students. The Government's decision which was released last July must have brought satisfaction to reactionary elements in educational circles—non-official as well as official—which were keen to retain art in education as their exclusive province. It is not too late for the Government, having rejected in a way the Art Education Committee's schemes to find out whether the present system was sufficient to meet the needs of aesthetic culture in schools and to rouse the interest of students particularly in Indian art. Then the important question is by whom art courses for schools will be worked out and supervised. The procedure, which, we suggest, is that the Government should leave every question concerning art and art education to be dealt with by the Art Education Board which it has constituted.

Our Friends !

It is reported that surprise has been caused in London by references in the Indian Parliament to the "hostility" of the British Press towards India. The idea is all due to a regrettable misunderstanding according to "responsible quarters" in London. It is claimed that the British Press has always been friendly to the Indian Republic, only it reserves its right to criticise. And India is mistaking criticism for hostility, which is not. An Indian editor, who is touring Britain, is quoted as saying that he was amazed at the goodwill, cordiality and politeness he received in that country. But Englishmen are always known for their strictly correct behaviour towards strangers. It is no use denying that many Britons feel nearer to Pakistan than to India because Hindus had played a more conspicuous part in forcing Britain to give independence. This feeling had rankled in the hearts of many a British civil servant and a military officer. Though never near to Indians they further receded from them with the coming of independences. The rapid Indianisation of the services and the Government offices broke the last link. Exactly the opposite thing happened in Pakistan, which not only retained British servicemen and officials but made them take a personal interest in building up Pakistan as a dominion nearer to Britain and the Commonwealth. This attitude has been shared by the British Press and the B. B. C. There is a long record of their partiality to Pakistan and antagonism to India in their reporting of Post-partition riots, Junagadh and Hyderabad incidents and the economic tussle between India and Pakistan. The worst mischief the B. B. C. and the British Press did was the misreporting of the Kashmir episode. It was twisted and turned, the Indian point of view under-played and the Pakistan raiders' role glorified. They did excellent propaganda for Pakistan's Foreign Minister Zafrullah Khan in hoodwinking the United Nations and the world. The inner motive of all this campaign, that is, to retain Kashmir in the British orbit for strategical purposes, has been cleverly camouflaged. For a long time the Indian people were puzzled at the attitude of the British press and radio whom they had regarded if not as friends as at least impartial. But they have been sadly disillusioned. It is regrettable that India cannot get on without being in contact with these so-called friends but if this "hostility" continues the B. B. C. and the British Press will only succeed in driving a wedge between Britain and India permanently. We expect no favours but we feel that we are entitled to full, correct and impartial reporting of Indian views and events in the British Press. India has taken the question of Kashmir to the United Nations with the hope of getting justice. But if ulterior motives cloud its sense of judging right and wrong, the United Nations will have been sabotaged by those who claim to be its champions.

Thought For The Day

There are three friendships which are advantageous; friendship with the upright, with the sincere, and with the man of much observation.

—Confucius.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

NEW DELHI, March 23: The expression "going to dogs" is parliamentary if it is not used to refer to members of Parliament.

This ruling was given by the Speaker, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, in Parliament today over a supplementary by Mr. Deshbandu Gupta when he said that an Ayurvedic-Unani college in Delhi "was going to dogs".

Mr. Joachim Alva asked whether it was parliamentary.

The Speaker said: "When the use is with reference to matters other than members, it is parliamentary".

—P. T. I.

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Asked by a pressman in Dacca if there was a possibility of a personal meeting between him and Pandit Nehru in view of the magnitude of the inter-dominion minority problem, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan is reported to have replied, "everything is possible".

We too now believe that everything can be possible since Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan's broadcast admission of anti-Hindu "madness" in several parts of East Bengal.

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By the way, the fact is being pointedly remarked upon that the Dacca Radio omitted the revealing details given by Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan about disturbances in East Bengal, from its news bulletins.

Which was as it should have been. If the Pakistan Prime Minister went off the traditional Pakistan publicity rails, it was the sacred duty of the Pakistan Radio to forget the unfortunate fact.

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In the Sylhet district, the Pakistan police have recently arrested about 30 leading Hindus and two Muslims too who are no other than a former Secretary of the Assam Provincial Muslim League and a prominent Muslim League leader.

The crime of the two Muslim League leaders being ..... oh, yes we follow.

And we earnestly suggest to the East Bengal Government that in view of what he said on the Daca Radio, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan should be bound over in two sureties to hold his tongue.

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Replying to some critics who had charged him or the Socialist Party of being "war mongers", Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan is reported to have said at Calcutta that his earlier statement had been misunderstood in certain quarters.

Is it not a better and wiser policy to take into account, in advance, the possibilities of being misunderstood?

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A New Delhi message says that the Pakistan Deputy Foreign Minister's statement on the floor of the Pakistan Parliament, alleging excesses against Muslims in Kashmir is officially described in New Delhi as "entirely imaginary and without foundation".

But everything is fair in Pakistan's love for Kashmir.....

According to a Karachi report, the Inter-Dominion Conference on canal water dispute will be held there on March 27 and is expected to last for two or three days.

Before ending in deadlock?

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WASHINGTON, (PTI-Reuter): The danger of a new war between Israel and the Arab States persists in the Middle East, Dr. J. C. Hurewitz, a former United States State Department official, said in a report published today by the Foreign Policy Association.

The duty of the United States is clear and peremptory. It should gravely warn both Israel and the Arab States that in the event of any military attack by any one of the parties on the other, severe and effectively punitive action will be taken against the aggressor, the Arab States.

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

By 'Citizen'

MR. N. V. MODAK, the Joint author of the Master Plan for Greater Bombay has prepared a five crore rupees plan for the development of the Suburban area. The scheme which is spread over ten years has been approved by the Bombay Government.

It is interesting to recall that the Master Plan has worked out a four stage programme for the realisation of the Greater Bombay Scheme. The cost of works in the first stage is estimated at Rs. 30 crores with a realisation of about Rs. 11 crores. This stage proposes to go a little beyond the limit of existing Police Jurisdiction. The works proposed to be carried out in the First stage includes construction of two express highways including lighting, sewers, canalising other minor roads, acquisition of areas earmarked for public purposes such as educational centres, at Kurla and Versova, Hospital in Bombay, Sewage Purification works, Race course, Stadium and lowlying land near Ghatkopar, etc.

It seems the present scheme will be a part of this First stage of the Master Plan as the part of the sum is proposed to be spent on drainage, medical facilities, schools and other civic needs of the growing suburban population.

A SUBSTANTIAL LOAN

As for the financing of the present scheme the Government of Bombay has promised 'a substantial loan' to the Corporation. According to Mr. G. D. Vartak even after the integration of the suburban municipalities the Corporation would continue to get a non-agricultural tax of 75 per cent as educational grant. He has not made it clear what will be the amount of this grant. The grant given by the Government for educational purposes to the Bombay Suburban local bodies in 1944-45 amounted to only about Rs. 60,000. If this is going to be the amount of the grant to be received by the Corporation then the hope that it would enable the Municipality to tide over some of its difficulties is not likely to be realised.

Mr. Vartak has further assured that the Government would give all the facilities to the Corporation which were being given to other local bodies in the State including 33 1/3% contribution of the total cost towards drainage scheme. Here again the amounts involved are not mentioned. The total Government grants to these local bodies in 1944-45 amounted to Rs. 1.32 lakhs. The sum is bound to be found ludicrously inadequate for the scheme prepared by the Corporation. The 33 1/3% of the total cost towards sewage will come to Rs. 26.7 lakhs if the sewage scheme of the First stage of the Master Plan is adhere to. Even then an outright grant for the suburban development will be necessary, if the promise of the Minister for Local Self-Government for a substantial loan is to be realised.

COMMUNITY CENTRES

Mr. Asoka Mehta seconded the resolution moved by Mr. Dharia requesting the Municipal Commissioner to submit proposals for the establishment of Community centres throughout the City. Mr. Mehta carried the debate to a high pitch of humane considerations when he pleaded with the house for greater attention towards the lonely dweller of our Cities. In the midst of the multitude he feels isolated argued Mr. Mehta "and unless institutions were created to give him a sense of fellowship and belonging somewhere he is likely to develop neurasthenia". It is the responsibility of the bodies like the Bombay Corporation to save him from this Even City like old Delhi has realised the urgency of this and has started community centres run by autonomous bodies under the Municipal supervision and financed by the same. Such centres can and would also help decentralisation of municipal activities and help in the maintenance of peace and progress of general welfare.

Mr. S. K. Patil the Mayor when speaking before the Film magnates of the City had expressed his concern at the problem of utilising leisure hours the importance of which was being realised more and more in the countries of the West. He had then pleaded with the Film industry to make the Cinemas a useful instrument to solve this problem. The community centres suggested by Mr. Dharia can be perhaps a more useful institution for solving the problem, the anxiety about which was rightly expressed by the Mayor.

We hope the Lew Revenue and General Purposes Committee to which the matter is referred will realise the growing necessity of such a centre and will expedite the matter. It is true that there is a technical difficulty in the matter as there is no provision for it in the Budget for the year. An amendment moved by the Socialists for making such a provision was ruled out of order by the Mayor as it introduced a new item. But while giving this ruling he had also made it clear that there were constitutional methods available under the Municipal Act whereby a provision for such a new item can be made. This difficulty, therefore, need not prove insurmountable.

INSANITARY HUTMENTS

The week was mainly devoted to the consideration of the notices of motion by the Councillors. Miss Nariman again raised the question of the insanitary hutments springing up throughout the city causing annoyance to the residents nearby. This issue is assuming alarming proportion. These hutments are mainly built by the refugees coming from outside. Taking advantage of the serious housing situation in the city some greedy landowners are also raising all sorts of constructions on their property. A mere look at these constructions is sufficient to convince anyone that the permission of the proper authorities has not been taken in constructing these structures. And if a permission is taken it is obtained through questionable means. Our sympathy is for the refugees who had to leave their hearth and home in great hurry. Their desire for obtaining a roof is perfectly understandable. But this should not blind us to the necessity of seeing that these new tenements should be built on sanitary principles. Otherwise the health of the city will be in jeopardy. And the refugees will not be spared by any epidemic that might visit the city as a result of these insanitary tenements.

PRIVATE STREETS

The resolution of Mr. Dharia inviting the attention of the Commissioner to the state of disrepair of several private streets and requesting him to consider the desirability of converting such streets into public streets also requires careful consideration of the Works Committee to which it has been sent. It seems there is a constant tussle going on between the Corporation and owners of these private streets regarding the responsibility of keeping these streets in a fit state of repairs. The owners of the property generally consider it a white elephant and want to turn it over to the Corporation. The Commissioner on the other hand equally hardpressed for funds to maintain these streets in proper condition refuses to take charge of these streets with the result that the tenants occupying the premises abutting on such streets are put to great inconvenience. Some via-media

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Bad Blunder

It is somewhat refreshing to learn that the British press has with remarkable unanimity criticised the Government's White Paper on the case of Seretse Khama. But there is also unanimity on another point. The British Press is convinced that the Government bungled badly but was not influenced by "racial prejudice". There were alternatives before the British Government and sympathy is expressed with them because of the choice, in any case, being difficult. In a recent article, the London "Economist", a Conservative weekly, discusses three choices before the Government. The first was confirmation of Seretse Khama as chieftain. It is argued through Sir Evelyn Baring, the High Commissioner that such confirmation was bound to lead to a tribal war which would have given White South Africa and Dr. Malan an excuse not to stand by while a tribal war was raging across its borders. "especially one which, on 'prima facie' evidence, had been caused by a mixed marriage". Dr. Malan would have interfered to restore order and strengthened his old claim to the Protectorate of Bechuanaland. But all these arguments become entirely irrelevant because the so-called opposition to Seretse has been fully exposed as a myth and because tribal troubles in Bechuanaland cannot constitute a justification for dooming its inhabitants to perpetual helotry under the South African Whites. The second choice was the one which the British Government has adopted. The repercussions of that choice in Bechuanaland and outside are a sufficient confirmation of its absolute injustice and of its being a first-class blunder from the point of view of the Government's own good name and political reputation. But British papers urge that there were dangers in both.

Racial Prejudice?

We do not agree with that plea. But supposing both the two were difficult, there was a third choice. This was actually offered by Seretse Khama himself and deservedly approved of by the Conservative "Economist". Says the paper: "There was, however, a third choice before the Government—one which Seretse himself is said to have put forward. This was to leave the question of recognising his chieftainship in abeyance, but to allow him to live with his wife in Bechuanaland and actively to help the Government to bring about the constitutional reforms which are needed. It is unlikely that there would then have been any serious disturbances within the Protectorate, and the risk of South African interference would consequently have been very much less. Admittedly, such a course would not solve the main issue at stake—the clash between British and South African policies—but it would have avoided for some years and possibly for ever the evil results of either of the first two choices". The arguments advanced in its favour by the "Economist" are unanswerable. What is more, by putting the compromise forward Seretse Khama proved himself both a commendable patriot and democrat. And yet this offer was not accepted. What is one to make of it? There is, however, still a way out for the British Government, which should find confirmation of its blunder in the criticism by the British Press and revise their policy. As the "Economist" suggests, "the small concession which the Government made on Thursday—allowing Seretse to return to Bechuanaland until his child is born—could easily be extended without very much loss of face." If the British Government do not follow this suggestion, the case against them and their men-on-the-spot will be conclusively confirmed that they were all influenced by "racial prejudice" and by South African White sentiments.

Sound Advice.

The Chief Justice of Bermuda's Supreme Court, Sir Brooke Francis, is very perturbed over the increasing tendency of the Bermudians to use the knife in violent quarrels. Whether he feels that human nature is pugnacious or in his opinion the Bermudian is naturally quarrelsome, he had advised them, from the Bench, to give up this un-Bermudian reliance on the knife without asking them to stop fighting. Sentencing an offender, he said, "I advise you, when you come out of prison, to throw your knife away and never own another . . . Use your fist and punch the other fellow on the nose." Obviously, Sir Brooke comes from the same bulldog breed as Mr. Winston Churchill and by his advice to Bermudians he has explained how Mr. Churchill arrived at a Truman-Stalin (with Churchill in the background) meeting to end the race for bigger and better bombs. It is certainly unworldly to throw atom and hydrogen bombs. If the Bermudians accept Sir Brooke's friendly advice, we suggest that the eminent jurist be sent to Lake Success to preside over a conference to reduce voluntarily the number and virulence of lethal weapons. The principle is the same.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Local Trains On Sundays

I request the railway authorities to cancel the running of fewer trains on Sundays and arrange to run the same number of trains on Sundays as on week days.

Owing to the heavy increase of population in Bombay and suburbs and having Sunday as a common weekly holiday of rest there is a heavy traffic both ways on Sundays sometimes more than normal till late in the evening and the reduced number of trains as at present run on Sundays are found much inadequate to cope up with the heavy traffic when people go out to enjoy holidays with families once a week.

The circumstances when fewer trains were introduced on Sundays have now changed—absolutely, by enforcing Sunday as a uniform holiday of weekly rest in all establishments and the population has also been nearly doubled.

I have, therefore to request the railway authorities to have no reduction of trains on Sundays but to run week days trains on Sundays also to meet the increased demand without additional carriages.

—G. C. SUTARIA.

Requisition Sufferers

I understand that there is a Land Requisition Act of 1948, by which the Controller of Accommodation requisitions premises from one party and lets to the other Informations are such that certain parties have been put into trouble, inconvenience and expense. I shall be glad to receive full details of such complaints from those who had to suffer loss. We will present our case to The Government for justification. Please send me full details as early as possible. P O Box No. 3574, Bombay—4.

—K D RAWAL.

Black Markets

Controls invariably lead to monopolies, inefficiency and corruption and are the root cause of Black Markets. In pre-war days when conditions of fair healthy competition prevailed, the community was served better, because only those who gave honest deal and the best service survived.

Instead of racking their brains for discovering savage punishments for Black Markets, Government will do well to abolish all controls, the sooner the better.

This will reduce substantially Government expenditure on controls release man power for more productive work, result in better and cheaper service to the community and efface the stigma of Black Marketers from the business class.

—V. M. SARAIYA.

IS WAR WITH RUSSIA INEVITABLE ?

By George F. Kennan

(COUNSELOR OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT)

GREAT confusion of thought prevails today with respect to American policy toward the Soviet Union and Russia's real attitude toward the United States. There is much loose talk going around—on both sides of the ocean—about "preventive war", "the inevitability of the conflict", and "war mongering imperialists".

Let us ask, and answer, basic questions—and see if they do not give a pretty clear answer to all this talk of war.

Are the Russians Planning to Make War on Americans?

Naturally, only the Soviet leaders themselves could answer this question with certainty. But the following facts are worth remembering.

It is true that Lenin wrote:

"The existence of the Soviet Republic side by side with imperialist states for a long time is unthinkable. One or the other must triumph in the end. And before that end comes, a series of frightful clashes between the Soviet Republic and the bourgeois states is inevitable."

And this still remains accepted Communist doctrine

HASTENING THE COLLAPSE

But current Stalinist doctrine does not demand war. On the contrary, it also teaches that eventually capitalism will fall largely of its own weight, i.e., as a result of the inner "contradictions" which the Communists believe it embodies. They see the role of communism as one of hastening the collapse of capitalism and assisting, as a midwife, at the birth of the Socialist order. In theory, they seem inclined to regard this as primarily the task of the native Communists in each country, and not of the Soviet Red Army.

There is nothing in Stalinist doctrine which would make it necessarily the main responsibility of the armed forces of the Soviet Union themselves to overthrow capitalism everywhere by direct military action. This premise would actually seem illogical and improper, from the Communist point of view; for it would imply that capitalism, in the absence of such an attack, would be basically sound and capable of coping permanently with its own "contradictions". But this is exactly what good Marxists do not believe.

So much for doctrine. How about Russian tradition? This factor cannot be ignored; for everyone who knows the Russians is sure that Russia has changed communism more than communism has changed Russia.

Russia has a long history of expansion; but it is generally a history of a sly and cautious expansion, of a readiness to wait patiently for opportunities to extend existing borders without undue risk. Apparent exceptions, such as the Finnish War, seem to have been the results of miscalculations.

LAND-MINDED

The Russians, because of the vastness of their territory and the nature of their geographic position, are land-minded; and this psychology leads them to a preoccupation with their land frontiers and the territories which lie just beyond them. This, on account of their technical and economic backwardness, generally precluded them from ventures which would carry them far afield. They have made it a point to consolidate one newly acquired territory, if they could, before trying to bite off another.

Russian imperialism has generally been a process of nibbling, carefully geared to the capacity of the digestive organs of the Russian State. The experience with the present Eastern European satellites indicates that in this case Soviet imperialism bit off more than it could comfortably chew. The resulting discomfort should make the Kremlin more wary, rather than less, about taking on much bigger bites just at this time.

WAR-WEARY RUSSIA

Finally, we must ask ourselves whether the Soviet leaders would have reason, from the standpoint of their internal interests, to want a world war at this time.

Less than five years have elapsed since the termination of the one great war in which the Soviet Union has engaged. For the Russians, that war was terribly wearing and destructive. While steady progress is being made, it will probably be several years before the human and material damages have been entirely remedied.

In addition to repairing the devastations of the war, the Soviet regime is engaged, with deadly seriousness, in implementing a programme designed to make the USSR a strong and well-rounded industrial state. It will also take several years before some of the basic parts of this programme could possibly be completed. World War II set the programme back nearly 10 years. Another one could not fail to constitute another serious interruption.

Viewed against the background of doctrine, tradition, and practical realities, therefore, the picture would look something like this: The Russian leaders believe our downfall is inevitable. They would do anything they can to hasten it, but they would not wish to endanger in any major way the security of the world citadel of communism, the USSR.

In these circumstances, where another world war would obviously involve such dangers, it is hardly likely that the Russians are now charting an early military onslaught on the Western world.

ATOMIC WEAPONS

How Does Russia's Development of Atomic Weapons Affect This Situation?

From the evidence available today, Russia's development of the atomic bomb does not affect it very much. The bomb is complicated, costly, and difficult to produce. The raw materials required for its production are still not easy to come by.

Alone, the bomb could not win a total war against a great industrial nation unless it were possible to deliver enough bombs to cripple military resistance at the outset and to compel the Government to sue for peace on the attacker's terms. The crippling of resistance would in itself require not just one bomb, successfully delivered, but many. And there are no indications that the Soviet Union now possesses anything like the requisite number of bombs and carriers to achieve this effect on the United States.

In 1946, Stalin said: "I do not believe the atomic bomb would be as serious a force as certain politicians are inclined to regard it. Atomic bombs are intended for intimidating weak nerves, but they cannot decide the outcome of war." There is no reason to believe that the Soviet leaders have departed from this view

RETALIATION FEAR

Furthermore, an aggressor would have to take account of the factor of retaliation. In a war where your adversary also has bombs and means of delivery, you have to reflect not only upon what you might do to him, but also upon what he might do to you. A single bomb will not suffice to cripple a great industrial nation; but a single bomb may suffice to wipe out national landmarks and shrines of inestimable value in the hearts and traditions of a citizenry, to say nothing of individuals whose importance to the nation cannot be measured in any material terms. It is one thing to ask an innocent people to bear such blows

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PRE-FABS WERE ORDERED IN AN EMERGENCY

Saksena Defends Action In Parliament

NEW DELHI, March 24 (UPI).

THE Minister of Rehabilitation, Mr. Mohanlal Saksena, defended strongly the decision of ordering 1,000 one-room huts and 6,000 roofs from Sweden with a view to providing displaced stall keepers with stalls in India.

He said the order was placed as an "emergency measure" to protect the refugees from the hardship caused by monsoon. "If anybody is responsible for it, I think I am responsible and I say so knowing what would be the consequences".

The discussion on Government's scheme of ordering timber stalls from Sweden was raised in Parliament today by Mr. H. V. Kamath under the new rules relating to parliamentary questions. Charactersing the whole affair as a "sorry episode" Mr. Kamath said, the man who had so advised the Government had committed a grave "blunder", made a "mess of national finance" and must be brought to books.

"If the Ministry is unable to order enquiry it means that the Government of India is callous to public opinion as the previous Government was. If the Ministry does not order public enquiry he has no other course but to resign".

NOT SUITABLE

These stalls were imported, on the advise of the honorary Technical Advisor to the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, who happened to be the Managing Director of the Government Housing Factory. The original estimates of each stall was Rs. 400/- but the revised estimates was Rs. 800/- whereas a brick structure cost Rs. 600/-. The New Delhi Municipal Committee had condemned these stalls and opined that they might not be suitable for the climatic conditions of India.

Mr. Kamath sought information on the following points:—

1. Who advised the import of these stalls from Sweden?; 2. What timber was imported and was it superior to Indian timber?; 3. Which experts were consulted?; 4. Whether tender was invited before the orders were placed?; 5. Whether damage to the stalls was caused in transit? and 6. Dimension of each stall?

The Speaker remarked that Mr. Kamath would have done better if he had waited for the Minister to reply and then come to the conclusion and judgment. The object of the discussion was to obtain information.

THE STORY

The Minister for Rehabilitation, Mr. Saksena replying said that 20,000 persons were in tents which had become shattered and "we are just trying to build the required number of houses for the simple reason that the quota of Asbestos-sheet had been cut down and corrugated sheets were not available. They were also trying to build mud-houses, but the materials were not available in Delhi.

The State Governments also said they would not be able to put roof on the mud-huts. At that time the firm came. India's Ambassador in Sweden Mr. R. K. Nehru, recommended the firm. The firm put up a prototype hut in Purana Quilla and "we all", including the Deputy Commissioner and the Chief Commissioner representing the Municipal Committees, saw the hut and it was found satisfactory.

Continuing the Minister said: "We wanted something before the monsoon to avoid the hardship caused to the refugees and the firm was prepared to supply these huts and roofs. Therefore, we decided to accept the offer. We cannot hold the Technical Advisor responsible for it. If anybody is responsible for it, I think I am responsible and I say so knowing what would be the consequences".

No tender was invited. "I would have been the last person to import anything from abroad except for emergency. And we had assurance that they will come before the monsoon". In spite of quick decision the matter had to go before the Ministry of Industry and Supply and the order could not be placed till the end of June. When the houses arrived there was a fire, and therefore, more time was lost.

TEMPORARY

He said permanent structure could not be put up on Queensway because nobody would like to disfigure Delhi by all sorts of stalls. The Municipal Authorities permitted to erect these stalls because they were a temporary. But for some time, say, for three or four years they would provide shelter to persons who were in the open.

The cost of each stall would be about Rs. 1,000/-. And the dimension of each stall was 16 feet by 11 feet and the highest was 10 feet. Each stall would be divided into two shops No damage was done in transit. He said for this price they could put up brick structure, but it was not possible to put up brick structure before monsoon and secondly they would not be permitted to do so.

Sardar Hukam Singh said he was convinced by the Minister's explanation. He was satisfied about the Minister's bona fides but felt "there had been a criminal waste of public money". He wanted to know if the stalls were superior to local timber; if not, why did not the Ministry order from the local people. Local carpenters could have made 50 houses a day. Secondly, there was no ventilator in the houses and in summer it would be suffocating.

The Minister said at that time timber was scarce in Delhi. Even for their houses they had to get timber through the good offices of the U.P. Government and yet they did not get sufficient quantity. He said ventilators could be made if the occupants wanted it.

Stop Press

S. W. AFRICA

THE HAGUE, March 24 (PTI-Reuter): Oral statements on the status of South-West Africa are to be made before the International Court of Justice at public hearings beginning on May 16, it was announced here today.

"REVOLT"

BIRMINGHAM, March 24 (PTI-Reuter): One million citizens of Birmingham, burying provincial pride, staged a "revolt" today against their Lord Mayor, who refused to join the two million sterling nationwide "thank you" fund for Commonwealth and American students.

They decided to "pass the hat round" themselves.

DR. PETERS WILL TRY AGAIN

ROCHESTER, New York, March 23, (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Bernard Peters, University of Rochester physicist who was denied a passport to go to India for cosmic ray research, today said he would renew his passport application this summer.

The State Department refused the passport as "being against the best interest of the United States at this time".

Dr. Alan Valetine, President of the University, said the University School would continue to aid Dr. Peters in his efforts to obtain the passport.

"UNITED BANK OF INDIA"

Amalgamation Soon

CALCUTTA, March 24, (PTI): The proposed amalgamation of four principal banks in Bengal—namely, the Bengal Central Bank, Comilla Banking Corporation, Comilla Union Bank and the Hoogly Bank is likely to be completed soon, it was learnt from an authoritative source here.

The amalgamated bank, which will be known as the United Bank of India, may start functioning by the end of May next, the source added.

DACOITS RAID RAJKOT VILLAGE: ONE HURT

RAJKOT, March 24, (PTI): One person received injuries when a party of six armed dacoits raided Janvala, a village near Bilkha, about 80 miles from here last night, according to reports reaching here.

The dacoits decamped with some valuables and cash.

Violent Demonstrations Against Leopold's Return

ANGRY BELGIANS WRECK 200 TRAM CARS

BRUSSELS, March 24. (PTI-Reuter).

STRIKERS wrecked 200 tramcars, fought police and smashed up a department stores in angry Brussels demonstrations today against King Leopold's return.

Some burned effigies of priests.

About 200 gendarmes, armed with rifles, gas masks and tear gas bombs joined battling police in the city's centre against continuous mob attacks on strike-breaking traffic, their drivers and passengers.

Strikers, at the beginning of a 24-hour general south Belgium anti-Leopold stoppage, smashed windows of trams passing the headquarters of the Socialist Party, backbone of opposition to the exiled King in the French speaking provinces.

They cut overhead wires, tore down overhead trollies broke brakes, clambered on to roofs to remove indicators.

Police got passengers away under armed guards.

Others, many of them university students, chased the crew of one tram into a big department store where a running fight took place in the crockery department, leaving the floor littered with broken China.

Students, in opposition to the Catholic Party's pro-Leopold stand, burned effigies of priests in main streets, chanting "down with the clergy" and "abdication".

EX-PREMIER'S PLEA

Veteran Socialist ex-Premier Paul Henri Spaak—member of the Council of Ministers (Privy Council) called yesterday to discuss the emergency—was hoisted on to a plinth in front of the Gare Du Nord.

"Show them that the workers can demonstrate calmly", he shouted to the crowd.

But students immediately rushed across the road to attack another six tramcars isolated by the milling crowd.

Strikers also clashed with police at Liege, in the heart of the industrialised southern provinces of Wallonia.

Count Henri Carton de Wiart, Belgian Catholic, today gave up his attempt to form a new cabinet.

P. C. RAY MEMORIAL FUND

Appeal For Funds

The Indian Chamical Society (92 Upper Circular Road, Calcutta) has opened a Memorial Fund in the name of its Founder-President, the late Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray, a pioneer of chemical industries and researches in India. In order to perpetuate the memory of his services to India, in several fields of science, industry and philanthrophy and national movement, the Society has opened a memorial fund with a target of Rs. 2,00,000 from the interest of which the Society proposes (i) to arrange for an annual Memorial Lecture by a distinguished scientist on suitable remuneration and the award of a Souvenir Medal, (ii) to grant scholarships to meritorious post-graduate students of chemistry all over India and (iii) to award the annual P. C. Ray Memorial Prize to the best Indian Research worker in chemistry.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

The Society acknowledges further receipt of donations for this Memorial Fund from the following:—

Teddington Chemical Factory Ltd., Bombay Rs. 1,000.

Chemical Industrial and Pharmaceutical Laboratory, Bombay Rs. 200.

Standard Pharmaceutical Works, Calcutta Rs. 100.

Dr. T. M. Oza, D.Sc., Ahmedabad Rs. 51.

Prof. K. C. Pandya, M.A., Ph.D., D.I.C., Agra Rs. 25.

Mr. J. F. Sinclair, Esq., Burman Shell House, Delhi Rs. 30

Ogale Glass Works Ltd., Satara Rs. 25.

Scientific Glass Apparatus Mfg., Co. Calcutta Rs. 100.

NAICKER LOSES AN APPEAL

Security Demand On His Paper To Stay

MADRAS, March 24, (UPI): A full bench of the Madras High Court, consisting of the Chief Justice and two other judges, today rejected the applications of "Viddithtlal", of Tamil daily of Madras, the organ of the Black Shirt movement of Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker, to set aside the Madras Government's order forfeiting the security of Rs. 2,000 furnished by that paper.

In their judgment, Their Lordships observed: "In our opinion the articles referred to contain words which tend directly and indirectly to promote feelings of enmity and hatred between the Brahmins and the other sections of the Hindu community, and neither the absence of malicious intention nor the presence of an honest purpose has been established."

THIS YEAR'S 'OSCAR' WINNER

Olivia De Havilland

HOLLYWOOD, March 24, (PTI-Reuter): British-born Olivia de Havilland has won Hollywood's most coveted award—an "Oscar"—for the second time, for the performance in "The Heiress" last year.

She won the 1946 "Oscar" for the film "To Each His Own".

The award for the best film of 1949 was made to "All the Kings Men", a film about the rise and fall of an American politician.

Broderick Crawford, the star, won an "Oscar" for the best male performance of the year.

CANCER CURE

MADRAS, March 24, (UPI): Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, Minister for Public Health informed the Legislative Council today that some of the radium needles supplied by an American firm had been returned to the firm for rectification, as they were not found to be useful for treatment of cancer patients here.

Dead Body Recovered By Agra Police

AGRA, March 24. (UPI): A dead body of a young man aged about 30 was recovered this morning by the police from a place near Government High School hostel. The body was sent for post-mortem.

The situation in the city was quiet normal, vigorous magisterial and police patrolling is continuing and armed pickets have been posted at strategic points of the city.

Government Takes Over Uncultivated Land

RAJKOT, March 24, (PTI): Lands estimated at about 5,000 acres embracing 45 villages of Madhya Saurashtra and Halar districts lying uncultivated for the last two years have been taken over under management by the State Government.

This action has been taken under section 56 of the Gharkhed Ordinance which provides for taking over of such lands for the purpose of increasing production in the State.

Early Solution Essential

LIE ON WHO SHOULD REPRESENT CHINA

LAKE SUCCESS, March 24 (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, said today it was "urgent and imperative" that the question of who should represent China be solved before the next regular General Assembly session due in Mid-September.

Mr. Lie told a press conference "that is why I have suggested a special periodic Security Council meeting. I myself am in favour of it, as a preparation at least for the General Assembly in September".

He added that the possibility of holding such a special Council session was up to the Governments themselves.

So far, he said, he had had no commitment from any Government on the question.

Mr. Lie stated all Governments had promised to give careful consideration to his proposal.

He said he had seen "almost all Security Council representatives and permanent delegations to the United Nations.

Mr. Lie said that the Soviet Union which is boycotting regular Security Council meetings in protest against continued Chinese National representation, would not attend a special Council session if the Chinese Nationalist representatives were there.

RIOTOUS MOB ATTACK POLICE PARTY

Two Killed In Firing

KRISHNAGAR (India), March 24 (PTI): Two persons were killed and another injured when the police opened fire on a riotous mob which attacked a police party escorting a Muslim and his family from Nabadwip to Krishnagar.

The Muslim reported to the police that his shop had been looted and requested the police to take him and his family safely to Krishnagar.

While the party, escorted by the police, were on their way in two carriages, a big crowd gathered and challenged the veracity of the Muslim's report about the looting of his shop. When the police intervened, some one among the crowd assaulted a constable and attempted to snatch away his rifle. Other constables then opened fire and dispersed the crowd.

Curfew and an order under section 144 Cr. P. C. prohibiting assembly of more than five persons have been promulgated in the area.

3 FASTING DETENUS RELEASED

Condition Serious

NEW DELHI, March 24 (UPI): Mr. Harish Chandra, President of the Delhi Provincial Students' Federation, Mr. Shadi Ram, Secretary of the Municipal Workers' Union and Mr. Radha Kishan, Secretary of the Textile Mazdoor Sabha, three hunger-striking detenus in the Delhi district jail were released today. It is stated that their condition has become serious.

Today is the sixteenth day of the hunger-strike of Communist and Trade Union detenus. Their demands are stated to be release or trial and grant of family allowance.

MAN-EATER KILLED NEAR ALMORA

ALMORA, March 24. (PTI): A man-eater which had been operating in about a dozen villages of the Morenauli forest areas and had killed a dozen villagers, mostly women, has been accounted for, according to a message received here.

The beast had also killed some villagers of Patti Chaubhensi in the district of Nainital.

DISTILLERY SEIZED IN MIRAJ

MIRAJ March 24 (PTI): Miraj police raided yesterday a house at village Salvi about four miles from here and seized a complete distillery used for distilling illicit liquor, it is learnt here today.

Police said that a woman was taken into custody in this connection. The owner of the house is stated to be absconding.

3 Madhya Bharat Ministers Submit Resignations

GWALIOR, March 24. (PTI): The Chief Minister of Madhya Bharat, Mr. Gopikrishna Vijay Vargiya replying to a short notice question, disclosed in the Legislative Assembly today that three Ministers—Messrs. Mishrilal Gangwal, Rameshwar Dayal Totla and Nandlal Joshi—had submitted their resignations because they found it difficult "to work in the atmosphere prevailing in the Congress party".

The Chief Minister said that he had asked the Ministers not to resign and their resignations had not been accepted so far.

Refugees Dispersed

CALCUTTA, March 24 (UPI): Two special trains carrying about 2,000 refugees from East Bengal left Howrah station last night, one for Midnapur on the B. N. Railway and the other for Kalipahari near Asansol on the E. I. Railway.

The refugees mostly hailed from Faridpur District of East Bengal, while some came from Khulna and Dacca.

NEW DELHI, March 24, (UPI): The Government of India have purchased the Parlakimery Light Railway with effect from February 1, 1950, says a press note. The railway was previously worked by the B. N. Railway.

LEAVE EDUCATION IN PRIVATE HANDS

Dr. Mookerjee Not For Regimentation

NEW DELHI, March 24. (PTI).

DR. S. P. Mookerjee, Industry and Supply Minister today advocated free scope to private bodies devoted to education, for developing a system of education most suited to India.

Presiding over the annual day celebration of Hans Raj College in Delhi, Dr. Mookerjee deprecated the idea of placing education under the "rigid regimentation' of the Government. It would be a "bad day" for India if great institutions devoted to the cause of education disappeared and its development left to the care of Government alone.

Undoubtedly, he said, Government should lay down a national policy of education for the whole country. But its implementation should be done by chains of institutions throughout the country according to their individual ideals and ideologies.

HEAVY PRICE

Dr. Mookerjee said that India at present was passing through a crisis. Young men properly balanced, disciplined and mindful of the great traditions of their motherland, had to be trained to face it. This responsibility had to be shouldered by the educational institutions which were training thousands of youngmen every year.

Referring to the loss of property worth about two crores of rupees in Punjab due to partition, suffered by the DAV College Trust and Management Society mentioned by the Principal in his report, Dr. Mookerjee said that partition was accepted under certain circumstances which needed no further explanation But Punjab and Bengal had to pay a "heavy price" for it. The happenings in East Bengal would destroy the economic structure of any country in the world.

The educational system of the country, he added, was defective and it had to be reshaped. 'A system had to be formulated keeping in view the "traditions of this great country and its future needs". It was unfortunate that no lead had so far come forth from the Government.

K. M. Munshi Arrives In New York

NEW YORK, March 24 (PTI): Mr. K. M. Munshi, prominent Indian Congress leader and former Home Minister of the Government of Bombay, arrived in New York today from London.

Mr. Munshi, who was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Lilawati Munshi, said the primary purpose of his visit was to consult some eminent American ear specialists on a trouble he had been having since a recent typhoid attack.

He planned to remain in the United States for about a month, he said.

Jute Goods Shipment Period Extended

NEW DELHI, March 24 (UPI): The Government of India have now decided to extend the period of shipment of jute goods to April 30, 1950 and to defer the issue of fresh quotas till then, says a press note. Shipments to hard currency countries will continue to be free as before.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, March 24.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange Market:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: Government of India Loans: Three per cent Paper 96/14, Three per cent 1986 96/15. Three per cent 1953/55 101/9, Three per cent 1970/75 100, Three per cent 1966/68 100/3, Government of Travancore: Three per cent 1952/53 101-12. Government of Madras: Three per cent 1956 100/10, Three per cent 1960 100/4.

BANKS: Travancore 14/4.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 16/10, Mysore 45, Travancore 5/5

PLANTINGS: Blue Mountain 3, Chembra 5/1, Cochin Malabar 4/10/6, Devashola 14/4, Nelliampathy 1/3, Ouchterlony 6/4, Permade 51/8, Pullangode 1/4, Thirumbadi 1/14/6, T. R. and T Co. 5/8, Do. Pref. 9/3, Valkundam 7/8

TEXTILES: Buckingham 139, Do. Pref. 188, Cambodia 12/4, Laxshmi 71, Madura 39 2, Mettur 328, Radhakrishna 183, Rajalakshmi 74, Ranga Vilas 55/12, Travancore Rayon 4/1, Trichinopoly 10/10, Vasanta 106.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 70, F. A. C. T. 5, Mettur Chem. 5/8.

INDORE SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent).

INDORE CITY, March 24.

Following were final quotations on Indore Stock Exchange on Friday:

Indore-Malwa 114, Hukamchand Mill 525, Bhandari Mills 630, Vinod Mill 324, Kalyanmal Mill 77, Kalyanmal Mill Pref 97, Rajkumar Mills 116, Indore Bank 62.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, March 24.

Market observed two sides fluctuations and closed with a steady undertone.

Fluctuations: Calico opened 265, highest 268, lowest 262.

Arvind opened 741, highest 743, lowest 730.

Ambica opened 323, lowest 319/8.

Deferred opened 1592, highest 1595, lowest 1571.

Closing quotations: Calico 263 Arvind 734, Ambica 321, Deferred 1582, Anil Starch 238/4, New Commercial 902/8, Rohit 107/8, Sarangpur Cotton 1471/4, Atul 36/8.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MAY

NEW YORK, March 24.

Previous Closing	.....	32.10
Today's Opening	.....	32.10
Difference	.....	Nil
Today's Closing	.....	32.09
Difference	.....	—1

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, March 24.

Stock Exchange opening prices:

Anaconda Copper Mining 28-5/8, General Motor 77-3/8, United States Steel common 32-1/8, United States Steel Preference unquoted.—PTI-Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 24 (PTI-Reuter). Buying of British Government nationalisation stocks gave the gilt-edged section of the London Stock Exchange a firm tone today. Gains of up to a quarter per cent were generally well held to close despite the late slackening in demand.

Better class industrials followed this lead and ended the week with widespread small gains.

Dunlops, chemicals and Courtrulls were among those to close at higher levels. An early upward movement in irons and steels however was not maintained but there were scattered improvements in tobaccos.

Markets were under usual week-end influences and the approach of the British Budget—date for presentation of this is April 18.

Commodity shares were quiter than of late but were generally well maintained. Oils occasionally lost ground on little profit-taking.

Foreign bonds and rails were colourless in idle markets.

Hopes of revival of interest in South African gold shares were shattered by 10 per cent surcharge on African rail fares and freights and call for further wage increase by Mineworkers Union. Share prices staggered and fell under bear attack

CONTIMENTAL STOCK EXCHANGES

PARIS, March 23.

Although dealings on the bourse were always quiet, the undertone was better. Spot dealings saw a number of groups finish with limited gains but steels moved narrowly indecisively both ways and electricities and rubbers lost slight ground. Bankings were irregular in forward trading, while industrials were barely maintained. French rentes were fairly active. There were better tendencies in internationals and royal Dutch and Canadian pacific both of which featured gainers, while kaffirs and oils were well maintained.

BRUSSELS: The stock market saw limited movements in quiet trading. Internationals provided some of the day's features with engineerings irregular but gains in the majority, electricities undecided and collieries mostly firm with the rest of the list practically unchanged.

AMSTERDAM: Mear covering resulted in firmer conditions on the stock market although with the public still holding aloof, trading was limited. Internationals generally were better disposed while plantations were slightly better than recently.

OIL MERCHANTS' CHAMBER

The election of the Board of Directors of the Oil Merchant Chamber Limited S. Y. 2006 took place on Wednesday in the Chamber's premises. This was the first election of the Chamber after its registration as the limited body and there was keen contest. The polling which was tame in the morning became brisk in the afternoon and there was a stream of voters during the closing hours of voting.

Mr. Ratilal M. Gandhi, M.L.C., J.P., and Mr. Vallabhdas Vasanji Mariwala, J.P., were unanimously re-elected as the President and Vice-President of the Chamber, being the only nominees for their respective offices. Besides Mr Hargovind R. Raja and Abdul Majid Ahmedbhai were declared as Directors on Oil Millers Panel, being only nominees for two seats on this panel. The result of election on the other panels is as under:—

SELLERS PANEL

Mr. Premji Ghelabhai
Mr. Tulshidas Mulji Vishram
Mr Vasanji Ramji
Mr. Devidas Maganlal
Mr. Dawood Haji Nasser
Mr. Virji Devshi

BUYERS PANEL

Mr. Gambhirchand Umedchand
Mr. Devji Lalji.

KARACHI COTTON MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, March 24.

Cotton market steady but colourless with routine business. Yesterday's spot sales 2,000, Exports 14,917 bales for Hong Kong and Continental Ports. Cotton seeds easy. Small scale shipments continue for Cuton, Kathiawar. Jute goods import business reported with Belgium, Sweden and Holland for April-May shipments. Nearly 50 lakhs bags wheat stocks rotting unsold with only two months left for movement of new crop prospects about which good

Current quotation: Cotton N T Roller 69-8, Punjab 289 F 70, Four F 67 Cotton seeds ready 5-4, April 5-8. Gold 103-8.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, March 24.

The Governor of Bombay received Commodore G. Barnard, Mrs. S. Modi and Mr. J. H. Taleyarkhan.

Rani Maharaj Singh received Mrs. P. S. Pandit.

His Excellency presided over the meetings of the Committees of Administration of the Services Post War Reconstruction and other funds.

The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh dined with Shrimati N. Ratan Tata at her residence.

SHRI S. K. PATIL

Shri S. K. Patil, President, B.P.C.C and Mayor of Bombay will leave for Madras on Sunday, March 26, by air in connection with the Film Enquiry Committee of which he is the Chairman. He will be back to the City on Tuesday, March 28, 1950.

LT. GEN. RAJENDRA SINGHJI

BANGALORE, March 24 (PTI): Lieut. General Maharaj Shri Rajendra Singhji, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, today inspected the Mysore Lancers and had breakfast with the officers of the State Forces.

M. M. NAIK-NIMBALKAR

BOMBAY, Friday

Mr. M. M. Naik-Nimbalkar, Minister for Development, will leave Bombay for Poona on March 26 and return the following day

MORARJI R. DESAI

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. Morarji R. Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue, will leave Bombay for Sangli on the morning of March 26 and return on the following day.

Jayakar Re-Elected

(From Our Correspondent).

POONA, March 24.

Doctor M. R. Jayakar has been virtually re-elected as the Vice-Chancellor of the Poona University.

The Executive of the Poona University had proposed the names of Doctor M. R. Jayakar, Principal D. R. Gadgil and Principal V. K. Joag, as candidates for the election of the Vice-Chancellor, which was to be made by the Court of the University, but as the last two candidates have withdrawn their candidature, Doctor Jayakar will be declared elected.

Senate Committee To Discuss Far East

WASHINGTON, March 24. (PTI-Reuter): The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will meet Secretary of State Dean Acheson next Wednesday to discuss the Far Eastern situation, Senator Tom Connally, Committee Chairman, said today.

Dr. Philip Jessup, United States Ambassador-at-large, recently returned from a tour of the Far East, will also attend the meeting

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RATION QUANTUM

THE FOODGRAINS ration quantum and the maximum proportions prescribed for different cereals in Bombay rationed area for the 13th Rationing Week, commencing from Sunday, March 26, 1950 to Saturday, April 1, 1950, will remain same as during the current week.

SUGAR

The quantum of Sugar for the 13th Rationing Week will be 8 ozs per ration card.

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For making a false entry in a Cashmemo, a sum of Rs. 100 from the deposit of Rs. 250 by Messrs. SHAMJI JETHABAI, Proprietor Ration Shop No. R/6, Bazaar Road, Bandra, is forfeited to Government.

INDIAN FILMS

PANCHOLI'S NEXT EARLY IN APRIL

Having been certified by the censors, Dalsukh Pancholi's newest film "Mina Bazar" is now due for release in the first week of April.

The creator of Khazanchi and "Dassi" has taen the stage as the venue for his latest picture, and has given the starring roles to Nargis and Shyam, while Kuldip, Gope, Sapru and Kanhaiyalal have important supporting roles.

Qamar Jalalabadi wrote the lyrics and the music is by Husanlal Bhagatram. Ravindra Dave's direction has kept story flowing smoothly.

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GOES GAY in VARMA FILMS' COMEDY!
PATANGA
NIGAR, SHYAM, GOPE & YAKUB
18 TH WEEK at—
LAMINGTON
3, 6-15, 9-30. Sun Holi. 12.
ALLWYN TALKIES (Kalyan)

Usha Maratha in 'Kranliveer Wasudeo Balwant' now running at Kohinoor Cinema, Dadar.

Mammoth Musical Romance

NASEEM RETURNS IN "CHANDNI RAAT"

INDIA'S premiere theatre, the Liberty, is releasing this week M. Ehsan's mammoth musical romance, "Chandni Raat", which, having created records in Delhi, Lahore and Calcutta, is expected to take Bombay by storm.

There is a powerful set up of stellar material for the film, and the main parts are played by Naseem and Shyam, with David and Ulhas prominently featured. Cuckoo, well-known by now for her spectacular dance ensembles, is also in the film, and may be expected to contribute an effective number.

Naushad, whose name spells magic at the box-office, has provided music well up to his usual high standard. This is the only new addition to Indian screenfare this week, and there is liable to be the usual huge rush of star-mad crowds at the palatial venue where it is being released.

'BHAI BAHEN' POSTPONED

Due For Release On March 31

Due to certain unforseen circumstances, the release date of "Bhai Bahen" had to be postponed, and the film will now commence its run from the 31st at the Minerva theatre. K. S. Daryani was the producer of the film, while the direction was in the hands of Ram Daryani. Boasting a cast made up of top-notch stars, the film features Geeta Bali, Nirupa Roy, Prem Adib and Bharat Bhusan, while subsidiary roles are ably filled by Gope, Yeshodhara Katju, K. N. Singh and Jeevan and Cuckoo.

The story concerns a social worker who is betrayed in love, and depicts her efforts to rehabilitate herself in the eyes of the world. Drama has been amply provided by the screenplay of Ishwar Chand Kapoor, and Gope and Yeshodhara Katju indulge in a good deal of comedy. The musical score was by Shyam Sunder.

Dynamic damsel and film fans' latest craze Nimmi lends charm and sex appeal in Nihal Film Corporation's maiden offering 'JALTE DEEP'.

"JALTE DEEP" WELL UNDER WAY

Fast nearing completion at the Shree Sound Studios, Dadar is Nihal Film Corporation's maiden venture "Jalte Deep", produced by R. Vasdev with the megaphone wielded by Deepak Asha, who was also the author of the story.

Nimmi who has shot to prominence after her role in Raj Kapoor's "Barsaat", plays the stellar lead in "Jalte Deep", and others in supporting roles are Randhir, Sofia, Kuldeep, Leela Misra and Amarnath. The musical score of the film has been written by Sardar Kwatra, while the dance direction was in charge of that capable veteran K. S. More.

'Samadhi': A Monument To The I. N. A.

ONE of the truly important films of the year, "Samadhi", Filmistan's dramatisation of the exploits of the I.N.A., had an auspicious debut at the Roxy last week, and bids fair to continue drawing packed houses at the Palace, Rivoli and Jai Hind, where it is also being shown.

The film is a thrilling tale of battle and espionage, of man's heroism and man's traitorousness, of glory and grandeur and a hero's faith in his ideals. It is an inspiring documentary, but is plentifully garnished with all the ingredients that go to make up vivid entertainment, and has some fine acting by star Ashok Kumar, who is refreshingly subdued in a role that would have tempted many another actor to rant and rave. His is by far the best performance, with the exception of Mubarak, who, cast at the opposite extreme as a thorough-going villain, gives a vivid portrayal of a sadistic monomaniac and traitor.

Nalini Jaywant has a part that gives her the chance to evoke plenty of sympathy from the audience, but Kuldip is somewhat disappointing as the sister caught in a web of intrigue; the part was intensely dramatic, the portrayal weak. Shyam is curiously stilted, never quite loosening up, and often giving one the impression that he is fully aware that the camera is following him around. These apart, the film is a definite success.

The direction was in the hands of Ramesh Saigal, who has surpassed his achievements of "Shaheed". He shows a commendable restraint in the use of so-called directorial "touches". Camera work is excellent, though it may be open to doubt whether such sombre photography was at all necessary in certain night scenes.

Taken all in all, this picture marks an achievement of which its makers may well be proud.

Amar in 'Kamal Ke Phool'.

7TH Week of MIRTH MELODY DELIGHTING BOMBAY
A MERRY-GO-ROUND of MARRIAGE
Shadi-KI-Raat
GEETA BALI, REHMAN, VIJAYLAXMI, AROON
SUPER 3-30, 6-30, 9-30. Sun. 12-30
CITY LIGHT 12-30, 3-30, 6-30, 9-30.
AN EVERGREEN
Booking: 9-30 to 11-30 & 5-30 to 7

ACCENT ON VISUAL APPEAL

Raj Kapoor's 'Barsaat' Superb In Camera Work

PACKING them in at the Imperial and Excelsior, Raj Kapoor's "Barsaat" proves to the hilt the axiom that however good the component parts, it is the work as a whole that matters.

The photography is superb, the general production values excellent. The snag lies in the fact that the camera, instead of helping on the dramatic episodes, seems curiously inclined to linger over scenes of visual beauty, so that the over-all effect of the photography is oftentimes flat and static, tending to destroy the dramatic unity of the piece.

Matters are not helped any by the fact that Raj Kapoor has tried to make "Barsaat" a treatise on the various kinds of love, the result being that out of the two parallel episodes in the film, the Premnath-Nimmi love affair rings by far the more authentic.

Returning once more to the photography, one is compelled to admit that the camera has achieved the ultimate in visual beauty, rarely has the screen been graced by such enchanting and ennobling work, particularly in the outdoor shots taken in the Kashmir valley, and cameraman Mistry may well be satisfied.

"Barsaat" is a pointer in the right direction, and though it fails in certain ways, is indeed a credit to its young producer Raj Kapoor.

'Ahilya' Proves Popular

BASED on themes taken from the the vast mythological storehouse of India's past, "Ahilya" marks the return to the screen after a long absence, of Kamala Kotnis. Director Vasant Printer and Kamala Kotnis have handled the theme appropriately, and the latter gives a moving portryal in the stellar lead.

Produced lavishly at the Prabhat Studios, the film has a strong cast consisting of Kamala Kotnis, Sapru, Ulhas and Shashi Kapoor, while there is plenty of singing and dancing throughout the film V. G. Bhatkar has set the lyrics of Narendra Sharma to music. The film is running at the Krishna.

I.M.P.P.A. MEETING

The Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Indian Motion Picture Producers Association, Bombay, will be held on Wednesday, the 29th March, at 5-30 p.m. at the I.M.P.P.A. Office. The purpose of this Meeting is to discuss the resolution regarding Standardization of publicity.

OLD FAVOURITE STILL GOING STRONG

In spite of the plethora of new releases in the city, Gemini's superb screen adaptation of Dumas' "Corsican Brothers" is still going strong at the Royal Opera House, where it is fast approaching its Silver Jubilee week. The powerfully dramatic tale has been vividly brought to the screen, and the excellence of the production values keeps the interest of the audience throughout its entire length.

Aside from the cloak and dagger variety of adventure, there is plenty of tender romance in the film, and some lively and spectacular dances. The camera work, in particular, is of a very high order, and all the dual scenes of Ranjan have been extremely well rendered. If you have not already seen this fine film, make it point to do so without delay.

Now Running

BROADWAY, NEW WEST END:
"KAMAL" Starring Surendra, Nayantara.
CAPITOL PLAZA:
"JEET" Starring Suraiya, Dev Anand.
CENTRAL:
"HAR HAR MAHADEO" Starring Nirupa Roy.
SUPER, CITY LIGHT:
"SHADI KI RAAT" Starring Geeta Bali, Rehman
MINERVA:
"BAGHDAD KA CHOR" American film dubbed in Hindi.
EXCELSIOR, IMPERIAL:
"BARSAAT" Starring Nargis, Raj Kapoor
ROXY, JAI HIND, PALACE, RIVOLI:
"SAMADHI" Starring Ashok Kumar, Nalini Jaywant.
NOVELTY:
"DULARI" Starring Madhubala, Suresh
LIBERTY:
"CHANDNI RAAT" Starring Naseem, Shyam.
KRISHNA:
"AHILYA" Starring Kamala Kotnis, Ulhas.
MAJESTIC:
"PANDHARICHA PATIL" Starring Hansa, Jairam Shiledar.
SWASTIK:
"ME DARU SODLI" Starring Baburao Pendharkar, Durga Khote.
CHITRA:
"PARAS" Starring Madhubala, Rehman.
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE:
"NISHAN" Starring Ranjan, Bhanumati.
LAMINGTON:
"Patanga" Starring Nigar, Shyam.

KASHMIR EPIC DUE SOON

Depicting the events of the Kashmir conflict, Rajdeep's ambitious film "Kashmir" is almost complete at the Modern Studios, Andheri. The defence of this paradise on earth forms the nucleus of the plot of the film which has a cast made up of Veena, Al Nasir, Nirupa Roy, Aroon, Kuldeep and Kamal Kapoor, while the supporting roles are enacted by Sajjan, Achla and Tiwari.

Hiralal as the raider in 'Kashmir Hamara Hai'.

'Kashmir Hamara Hai'

Opening next Friday at the Krishna and other threatres, Roopkala Niketan's "Kashmir Hamara Hai" is the first full-length film to deal with the patriots who defended Kashmir in 1947. Touching on the historic events of 1942, the picture briefly deals with the role of the I.N.A. and, passing on to the main episodes, emphasises the ideals for which Mahatma Gandhi lived and died.

The film has been highly praised by Sheikh Abdullah, Morarji Desai and other leaders. Produced by N. L. Jalan, the film stars Meera Mishra, Paresh Bannerji, Pahri Sanyal and a well-varied supporting cast.

Sound Film Of The Red Sea Bed

VIENNA—Dr. Hans Hass, the famous diver, expert on marine life and shark fighter, is leaving Vienna for the Red Sea shortly to start making what he claims to be the first underwater sound film ever to be produced.

PAKISTAN NOT A 'CAMP FOLLOWER'

Dr. Hussain's Reply To Iftikharuddin

KARACHI, March 23 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Dr. Mahmud Hussain, Deputy Foreign Minister of Pakistan, today reaffirmed Pakistan's faith in the United Nations and her desire to contribute to the maintenance of world peace. "Pakistan will have recourse to no other method so long as the United Nations exists and hopes of attaining world peace continue to be reposed in it", he declared.

Dr. Hussain was replying to an attack against the foreign policy of the government by left-wing newspaper proprietor Mian Iftikharuddin during a foreign policy debate in the Pakistan Assembly today. Mian Iftikharuddin had said Pakistan's foreign policy was "subservient to British foreign policy". He had also questioned the wisdom of giving a loan of Rs. fifty lakhs to the "tottering Government of Burma" and demanded the Government to recognise Ho Chi Minh's Government in Vietnam.

Dr. Hussain denied that Pakistan was a "camp follower" of Great Britain. He said that Pakistan's remaining in Commonwealth was only a matter of convenience and she would remain there till it suited her or till the Constituent Assembly, which was the sovereign body, decided otherwise. "But so long as Pakistan remained a member of the Commonwealth", Dr. Hussain said, "she must carry out the obligations of a member country".

Referring to the recognition of Vietnam Government, Dr. Hussain said: "Pakistan will not recognise either of the two contending forces and parties in Viet-nam before one of them got the support of the whole people and established itself over the whole country".

He also justified Pakistan's policy underlying the grant of loan to Burma. Dr Mahmud said that Pakistan was interested in creating conditions of peace in Burma "which is our immediate neighbour". We do not want chaos in that country, he said.

POSITIVELY ON FRIDAY 31st
—A STORY OF EVE'S REVOLT AGAINST MAN-MADE LAWS!
KRISHIN MOVIETONE'S
BHAI BAHEN
Directed by: RAM DARYANI
Starring: GEETA BALI, NIRUPA ROY, PREM ADIB, JEEVAN & GOPE
MINERVA
Plans open: 10 to 12 noon
A 'BHARAT CHITRAPAT' Release.

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NARGIS, RAJ KAPOOR, PREMNATH and NIMMI
IMPERIAL 3-30, 6-30, 9-30. Sun. 12-30. Booking 10 to 12 & 4 to 6
EXCELSIOR 3-30, 6-30, 9-30. Plans Open 9-30 to 1 & 2 to 7. JAYSINH Release

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AS A PICTURE THAT IS THE PRIDE OF THE SCREEN
FILMISTAN'S
GLOWING TRIBUTE TO THE UNKNOWN FIGHTERS FOR INDIA'S FREEDOM
SAMADHI
A GREAT PICTURE OF THE I.N.A.'S GREAT STRUGGLE
Written and Directed by RAMESH SAIGAL
Starring: ASHOK KUMAR, NALINI JAYWANT, KULDIP, SHYAM.
BIG SECOND WEEK
3, 6-15, 9-30. ROXY Sun. Matinee 12
ALSO AT PALACE, JAI HIND, RIVOLI
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ROOPKALA NIKETAN'S TIMELY OFFERING
Starring: MEERA MISRA, PAHARI SANYAL, PARESH BANNERJI, HIRALAL
KASHMIR HAMARA HAI
Produced by: N. L. JALAN
FRIDAY 31st At KRISHNA
Plans open: Mon. 10 to 12, 4 to 6
DEEPAK (DeLisle Road)
A NEW RENOWN FILMS Release

SWING TO ITS ROMANCE SING TO ITS TUNES!
M. EHSAN'S Musical Romance
Starring: NASEEM, SHYAM, DAVID, CUCKOO, ULHAS.
Music: NAUSHAD
Director: M. EHSAN
CHANDNI RAAT
NOW DRAWING PACKED HOUSES at LIBERTY
3, 6-15, 9-30 Booking 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
RELEASE

RESEARCH IN SILK

Association Formed

BOMBAY, Friday: A research association has been formed here under the auspices of the Silk and Art Silk Mills Association, Bombay, to assist the industry to make progress in the departments of processing, weaving, and finishing. It will work under the guidance of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi.

A sum of Rs. twenty lakhs has been contributed by the members of the Mills Association for the research association, which will also receive a grant from the Government of India.

The first meeting of the Managing Council of "The Silk and Art Silk Mills Research Association", held on Wednesday, elected Mr. Ramdeo A. Podar, as President and Mr. D. N. Shroff as Vice-President for the current year. The Managing Council, composed of 24 members, includes three Government nominees, namely Sir S. S. Bhatnagar, Prof. J. W. McBain and a representative of the Ministry of Industry and Supply, yet to be named.

ARJUN LALA'S APPEAL TO PEOPLE

Help Government To Enforce Prohibition

AHMEDABAD, March 24 (PTI): Mr. Arjun Lala, Secretary of the City Congress Committee in a broadcast talk from the Ahmedabad station of the All India Radio last night appealed to the people to co-operate with Government in enforcing total prohibition in Bombay State from April 6.

Distinguished Visitors To Damodar Valley

PATNA, March 24, (PTI): President Dr. Rajendra Prasad will be visiting the Damodar Valley site especially the Konar, Tilaya, Bokaro Dams and the soil conservation works in Hazaribagh on April 23 next, it is reliably learnt.

Prime Minister Pandit Nehru is also likely to accompany the President during his visit to Damodar Valley site.

The members of the Standing Committee of the Works, Mines and Power Ministry will also visit the site in the first week of May.

T.B. Centres In India

NEW DELHI, March 24, (PTI): Plans are under way for the establishment, as a joint W.H.O. and U.N.I.C.E.F. undertaking, of three training and teaching tuberculosis centres in India to be followed shortly by other such centres in Burma, Ceylon and Thailand, it is learnt.

Socialist Swing To Action

COMBATIVE PLAN SOON, SAYS LOHIA

BANGALORE, March 24 (PTI): Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Socialist leader, told pressmen here today that the Socialist Party's 13-point constructive programme for the economic recovery of the country would be further intensified in the coming months by "supplementing it with a combative programme."

It was his experience, Dr. Lohia said, that a mere constructive programme would not kindle that spirit and fire required for a revolutionary change. It had to be combined with the combative and agitative programme, he added.

Dr. Lohia arrived here this morning on his way to Tiruchi to attend the Kisan conference there. He said that it was time that people thought seriously of the country's economy; otherwise irreparable disaster would be the result. India, he said, was today in a "condition of postponed death" and, but for the sterling balances perhaps the country would have faced famine.

Dr. Lohia referred to the East Bengal situation and said that he would welcome the joint statement by the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan if it meant bilateral guarantees to protect the minorities.

Panic In Train Leads To Death Of Boy

MARGHERITA (Assam), March 24: A twelve-year-old Mismi boy was killed and four other passengers were injured when they jumped in panic from a running train on the night of Monday last.

The incident took place when the train had just left the Mankum junction. It is stated that the occupants of a compartment, mostly Mismi tribesmen, got frightened at the dazzling flashlight from a nearby tea garden. Thinking that fire had broken out, five of the passengers jumped out of the running train.

Further Import Of U. S. Cotton Allowed

BOMBAY, Friday.

In continuation of notice No. 1038 of February 7, 1950, it has been decided to allow further import of U.S.A. cotton stapling 1-1/8" and above. Mills desirous of obtaining this cotton should submit their applications so as to reach this office not later than March 31, 1950.

Applications for licences will be considered by the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports and the licences previously granted for the import of U.S.A. cotton or any other foreign cotton and allocations made by the Textile Commissioner to mills for Indian cotton will all be taken into account in making new allocations.

Many Changes Proposed In Insurance Bill

SELECT BODY'S REPORT

NEW DELHI, March 24. (PTI).

THE Select Committee on the bill further to amend the Insurance Act, 1938 has in its report proposed changes in 17 out of the 69 clauses of the bill which, in its opinion, "are not formal or consequential".

The report which was presented in Parliament today by Commerce Minister Neogy has a note appended to it by Mr. Ajit Prasad Jain and six other members of the Committee. The note explains why they, despite having an overwhelming support of the Committee in favour of nationalisation of insurance, did not press it and had agreed to be a party to the bill.

Still affirming their belief in considering "insurance to be eminently suited for nationalisation," the signatories to the note said that they hoped that the "present bill will not only safeguard the interests of the policyholders and place the insurance business on a sound footing, but by giving larger powers of control to the State, it will add to the experience of the public administration in handling insurance business, and thus pave the way for nationalisation". That was the justification, they added, for giving their support to this 'half-way measure."

MINUTE OF DISSENT

Mr. M. R. Masani in his minute of dissent to the report said that wide powers have been given to the Central Government to pass orders on the report of the Controller on the investigations made by him into the affairs of an insurer. It was essential, therefore, that the insurers should have the right of appeal to the courts against the orders of the Central Government. He wanted "the fullest autonomy" to be given to the insurance councils proposed to be set up. The Select Committee had transferred certain powers originally given to the councils to the Controller of Insurance.

The Committee has proposed that the head of the Department of Insurance should be known as the Controller of Insurance. The Central Government, the report says, should take into account before appointing a person as the Controller, his experience in industrial, commercial and insurance matters and should see whether he had actuarial qualifications.

In the opinion of the Committee, bodies incorporated outside India should also be public companies before they are allowed to carry on insurance business in India. They have accordingly provided for this. They have also provided that exemptions to insurers, carrying on general business, from the operation of this section, should not have effect for more than three years at any one time and that Parliament should be kept informed of every such exemption.

CLASSES OF SHARES

As regards classes of shares, the Committee has provided that companies which have more than one class of shares should have three years to convert all such shares into one class but the voting right should always be proportionate to the paid up value of the shares. Companies which commence life insurance business after the amending bill comes into force should have only one class of shares with a single face value and equal voting rights, and existing companies should hereafter issue only ordinary shares.

RIGHT OF SUIT

"The Committee", the report says, "has added a provision expressly providing for a right of suit by a person who is the beneficial owner of the share, but whose right the nominal holder of the share refuses to recognise. The Committee has also provided that in cases where banks hold shares merely as custodians, the beneficial owner should have the right to vote."

Holding that a much longer period than one year was required for the liquidation of excess shares which might be held by any person at the commencement of the amending bill, the Committee has increased the period to three years or such further period not exceeding two years, as may be allowed to him by the Central Government for this purpose. Otherwise, the report says, a sudden release of the shares "may cause a disturbance in the market". The Committee has further provided that if any shareholder is unable to let his shares sold, the Administrator General should "come to his rescue" and dispose of such shares in a manner as may be prescribed.

In suitable cases, the Committee thinks, the Controller should have the power to postpone the date of actuarial valuation by one year. Accordingly, it has provided for it.

COMPUTING ASSETS

The Committee has provided that the Central Government should have the power to direct that in computing the assets, any investment made outside India (for example, Pakistan) belonging to insurers in India should be taken into account in the prescribed manner. A complete return of all the assets forming the controlled fund should be furnished annually in addition to the quarterly statements showing changes therein.

The Committee considers that it might cause hardship to any insurer to realise any investment properly made which has ceased to be an approved investment, after it has been so made. The Committee has, therefore, allowed exemptions in such investments.

The Committee has reduced from ten percent to seven and a half percent the surplus for allocation to the shareholders.

RENEWAL COMMISSION

With regard to renewal commission, the Committee has provided that if a person resigns he should continue to get the renewal commission due to him but therate of such commission should be approved by the Central Government. The commission payable to an agent in respect of renewal premiums paid on policies secured by him should continue to be payable, although he has ceased to work for the insurer, provided he had worked continuously for the insurer for five years and had built up a business in force of Rs. 50,000. The renewal commission should, however, not exceed four percent. The Committee has also provided that on the death of such an agent, the commission should continue to be payable to the heirs for so long as it would have been paid had the deceased been alive.

CANCEL IS APPEALABLE

The Committee has made an order, directing the Controller to cancel the registration of the insurer, appealable, Limitation of expenses regarding life insurance business, the report says, should be brought into force from January 1, 1951 while limitation of expenses for general insurance business may be from January 1, 1950. The Committee feels that the basic imitation in either case should be perscribed by rules made under the Act, but the rules so made should have due regard to the size and age of the insurers concerned. It also feels that all decisions connected with relaxations in the limits to expenses for insurers should be taken by the Controller himself, after consulting the executive committee of the relevant insurance council.

INSURANCE AGENTS

The system of employing principal agents in general insurance business, the report says, should be put an end to within a period of seven years, and during that period appointment of new principal agents should be confined to Presidency-towns. The Committee has amended the relevant section accordingly.

In the opinion of the Committee, there is no need to terminate immediately existing contracts between insurers and chief agents, but they should be terminated, in any event, after the expiry of ten years from the commencement of the amending Act.

The minimum number of insurance agents for a special agent, the Committee thinks, should be two and for a chief agent six in the case of small companies and twelve in the case of big companies. The special agent may at the same time be permitted to do personal business, but he should procure annually for the insurer at least business to the extent of Rs. 50,000 sum assured. The principal agent may also in certain circumstances be permitted to do personal business. The Committee has accordingly made provision for them.

It is not necessary, the report says, in the opinion of the Committee to debar an ex-employee of the insurer from being elected as a policy-holders' director. The relevant proviso has, therefore, been amended.

In the opinion of the Committee, the report says, insurers with head offices in India should be full members of the Council of the Insurance Association of India, while other insurers should be associate members. Although officials are to be nominated to the councils, they should not be given the right to vote as otherwise it might be embarrassing to the Controller in exercising his power under the Insurance Act. The relevant sections, therefore, have been amended.

UNIFORM LAWS IN INDIA

Chief Justice's Hope

HYDERABAD, March 24, (UPI): "So far as administration of Justice is concerned it is right that the citizens of India to whatever State they belong are subject to laws of the same pattern and treated in the same way. I hope that steady progress would be made in this direction to achieve this ideal without delay", observed Shri Hiralal J. Kania, Chief Justice of India, speaking at a garden party given in his honour this evening by Mr. R. S. Naik, Chief Justice of Hyderabad, at the high court gardens.

Mr. Kania pointed out that the problems arising out of integration of States with India were "numerous", and said that they should be wisely tackled. He, however, believed that there was not much difficulty in regard to integration of laws of different States which had been different for historical reasons. The Indian States developed their own laws while the laws governing the rest of India were framed by the British India, the then law making body for India.

Hoping that all these problems would be properly tackled, Mr. Kania said that it was but fit and proper that there should be uniformity of laws in this country. This might take some time, as it partly depended upon political, social and economic conditions in the country.

Concluding Mr Kania said that so far as the administration of justice in Hyderabad was concerned he had nothing to say. It had established high standards and traditions, which he hoped, would be mainained by the bench and bar of Hyderabad.

Protection To Wood Screws Extended

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of India has accepted the Tariff Board's recommendation that protection for the wood screws industry at the existing rate of 30 per cent ad valorem should continue for a period of two years.

The Government's resolution on the Tariff Board report is published in the Gazette of India of March 25, 1950.

TWO GANG LEADERS HANGED

Abetting Murder Of Sarawak Governor

SINGAPORE, March 23, (PTI-Reuter): Awang Rambli and Bujang Bin Sutong, leaders of a Nineman gang convicted of abbetting the murder of Mr. George Duncan Stewart, Governor of Sarawak, were hanged at Kuching gaol today.

Two Malay youths, Rosli Bin Dobi and Morshidi Bin Sidek, were hanged on March 2 for the murder, committed in Sibu, Sarawak, last December.

The other members of the gang were also sentenced to death but were recommended to mercy.

Their sentences were later reduced to terms of imprisonment ranging from five to 15 years.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES BEST WAY OUT

Jairamdas On Economic Situation

NEW DELHI, March 24. (UPI): Addressing a meeting of State representatives of co-operative departments and of industrial and marketing co-operatives in New Delhi today, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Agriculture and Food Minister, stressed the importance of co-operation in "building a system of economic democracy with equality of opportunity to all."

He said: "We must devote a co-operative commonwealth in which we shall secure to all workers a living wage, conditions of work ensuring a decent standard of life, and full enjoyment of leisure, social, cultural opportunities. In that task, cottage industries in rural areas on a co-operative basis catering for the essential needs of the rural population have a special place and so have agricultural co-operatives."

IS WAR WITH RUSSIA INEVITABLE?

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when they come, unprovoked, from an arrogant aggressor. It is another thing to ask people to bear them when they represent the logical and foreseeable consequence of a policy on which their own Government has deliberately embarked.

In the past, aggressors have generally had the hope that their own countries might emerge relatively unscathed from the adventure upon which they are embarking. Weapons being what they were, it was technically possible, if your superiority looked good enough, to have such a hope. Today, if you inaugurate the use of the bomb against civilian-industrial targets and if your adversary also has atomic bombs and carriers, this hope becomes much dimmer. You may do fearful injury to your adversary; conceivably, if you have enough bombs and the ability to deliver them, you may even inflict upon him damage which would wreck for a time his capacity for large-scale, organized resistance; but only two or three of his bombers need get through in order to wreak upon your own country counter-injuries which can make any reports of victories far afield sound to most people like a hollow mockery.

KREMLIN PSYCHOLOGY

Let us apply these considerations to the purposes and psychology of the men in the Kremlin.

With respect to such retaliation, it is not hard to guess at Soviet reactions. There is no country where the evidence of man's handiwork, both in the cultural monuments of the deep past and in the products of modern industrialization, mean more to people. The cultural monuments are few. They symbolise cultural achievements won with suffering and anguish from the soul of the Russian people. They command deep and general reverence.

The modern industrial plant has also been built up the hard way. Much of it would not compare qualitatively with our own. But to most Russians, regardless of their attitude toward the Communist regime, it symbolises, again, the potential road of escape from the bondage of Russian backwardness. As for the Russian Communists themselves, it is their outstanding prize and achievement. It was for this, good Communists might privately tell you, that the comfort and the freedoms of at least one generation have been sacrificed.

Now we have already seen that these physical values took a terrible beating in World War II. In these circumstances, further large-scale destruction in Russian cities or industrial communities would constitute a major tragedy, from the standpoint of both the regime and the people. This is not to mention the human values; and not even the Kremlin can be oblivious to these, for man power constitutes the core of dictatorship as well as of democracy. The idea that the men in the Kremlin, just because they are tough, "wouldn't care" about atomic destruction in Russia, reflects an ignorance of Russian realities.

INCONCLUSIVE VENTURE

For the Russians, then, atomic aggression would be an inconclusive and risky venture. It might produce certain momentary favourable effects, but it would also involve considerable dangers. It would begin a war which it alone could not finish. The last two would wars stand as lessons to those who start things they can't finish and particularly to those who attempt to conquer Europe before they have found some means of permanently neutralizing the military-industrial potential of the North American continent.

In an atomic world, total war remains a possibility, inherent in the susceptibility of men to fallacy. But it is now perhaps even less of a probability than before. For it has become potentially more suicidal; and the masters of the Kremlin, in contradistinction to Hitler and the Japanese, are not suicidally inclined.—READER'S DIGEST.

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CITY CORPORATION WEEK BY WEEK

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should be found out of this impasse for the sake of the harassed citizens.

Mr. Dinker Desai was responsible for a series of resolutions vitally affecting civic affairs. The two of them were very important. The first requested the Commissioner to prepare a plan in consultation with the Medical Relief and Public Health Committee, a plan for expanding and adequately equipping existing dispensaries and for opening new ones in sufficient numbers. In supporting this resolution, Mr. Desai gave very startling figures which shows that the number of patients treated at Municipal dispensaries had increased by only about 16 per cent while the population had increased by about 100 per cent. The figures also showed that the Corporation is spending less than one and half anna per person per year under this head.

MILK SCHEME

The second resolution asked by the Bombay Municipality to reintroduce the subsidised milk scheme in Bombay city abandoned as impracticable by the Bombay Government in 1947. Mr. Desai contended that the Government had failed in their attempts to bring down the prices of milk in the city. The apparent decrease from As. 18 to As. 14 was not real as the previous price also included service charges for reaching the milk to the doorstep of the citizen. Under the Government scheme, the buyers have to go to the milk shop which is not convenient for people who have to attend offices. Mr. Talyarkhan on the other hand pointed out that 10,00,000 people were being served by Government milk distributing centres. If these figures were correct, it would mean some relief to the citizens.

UNDISPOSED BUSINESS

Mr. Patil is determined to end the scandal of undisposed items mounting up from month to month. He has warned the House that it will have to sit non-stop till the agenda is finished. He is prepared to allow only one month's work remaning pending. All the sections of the House have promised support to the Mayor in this. The work remains pending not so much because of any obstructionist tactics of the opposition as is generally supposed. The work of the corporation is increasing with more and more responsibilities being shouldered by it. With the Suburban Areas merging with the city the work is bound to increase much further. The work of corporation has ceased to be just a couple of day's afternoon's work. The Councillors will have to devote more and more time to their work.

The B.E.S.T. Committee's decision to give free passes to the Councillors should be viewed keeping this fact in mind. The rumour is that attempts are being made to get the permission of the government to pay some hororarium to each councilor. If they get this they will certainly be in a position to devote more time to the work of the corporation.

More Spies Caught

CALCUTTA, March 24, (PTI): According to a message received here from Margherita, (Assam) 20 Muslims, alleged to be Pakistani spies, were arrested by the Digboi Police on Tuesday last and brought to Dibrugarh for custody.

Two other Muslims were arrested near the Patharia Hill borders and taken to Karimganj in Assam. They were, it is alleged, carrying arms and bundles of prejudicial leaflets.

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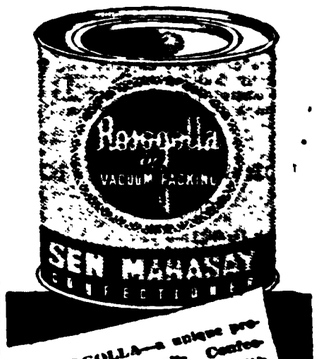

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Renewed Selling In Tata Steel Shares

GENERAL LIQUIDATION IN SPECULATIVE COUNTERS

BOMBAY, March 24.

As a result of sold out condition of the Bombay Stock Exchange recorded a rise of about Rs. 60 for Tata Steel Defd. Shares under short covering. But today there was absence of follow-up on the buying side and further improvement was checked during the first hour by the appearance of moderate realising by the recent buyers and the market turned quiet showing small losses from the opening level.

The long range outlook remains promising but in the absence of any constructive development the market is making irregular moves. The Government has seen the necessity of increasing production and moderate relief given in reduction taxation is expected to have favourable effect on the price structure and investors seem to hold on their holdings in hopes of higher prices. Speculative activity remains restricted and outside participation runs on a small scale.

Tata Steel Defd. Shares opened steady at Rs. 1597/8 and improved at Rs. 1600 but at this level there was absence of buying support and Defds. gradually declined at Rs. 1590/-. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 320 and quietened at Rs. 318. Indian Irons opened at Rs. 28 and declined at Rs. 27/12 while Bengal Steels opened at Rs. 19/10 and steadied at Rs. 19/12.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1060 and declined at Rs. 1047/8 under renewed liquidation. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 315 and declined at Rs. 313. Nagpurs were done at Rs. 232 while Svadeshi Mills shares opened at Rs. 270/- and declined at Rs. 266/- Scindia shares were done at Rs. 12/14.

It was rumoured in the market that there is a move to change over Tata Steel Defd. Shares into ordinaries in the ratio of one to five. This news induced increased liquidation and Tata Steel Defds. declined at Rs. 1572/8 and steadied at Rs. 1575. Ordinary Shares also declined at Rs. 313 and steadied at Rs. 314. Bombay Dyeings touched Rs. 1040 level and steadied at Rs. 1042/8. Bombay Burmas also after being quoted at Rs. 447/8 declined at Rs. 436/8.

Towards the close there was some short covering and Tata Steel Defds were quoted at Rs. 1577 and Ordinary Shares were done at Rs. 315 Closing tone was barely steady.

After the close of the market there was increased demand and Tata Steel Defds were quoted at Rs. 1592/8 and Indian Irons at Rs. 28.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing (17-8)	1045	0
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	312	8
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	266	0
Central India Mills (6)	230	0
Simplex Mills (6-8)	189	0
New Great Eastern (8)	147	8
Indore (8-13)	113	2
Gokak Mills (12)	263	0
Century Spinning (15)	240	0
Indian Bleaching (6)	150	0
Swan Mills (20)	322	8
Finlay Mills (15)	260	0
Morarji Goculdas (S)	147	8
Edward Sassoon (30)	220	0
Meyer (12)	90	0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2	11 6
India United Ord. (0-14-9)	11	15
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1	14 3
Madhusudan (15)	180	0
Podar (S)	130	0
Khatau Makanji (6)	163	12
Swadeshi Coupon	68	0

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord. (14)	315	0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1582	8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-12)	140	8

CEMENT

Associated Cement (7) XD	152	4

INDUSTRIES

Burma (12-8) XD	436	4
Belapur Sugar (9)	224	0
Shivrajpur (1-8)	31	0
Scindia Steam (6-8)	12	13
Premier Construction	84	0
Tata Chemical	11	4
Tata Oil (2)	47	8
Indian Iron (0-12)	27	7
Bengal Steel (0-12-0)	19	6
Bengal India Corp. (0-9)	9	0 6
Indian Copper	2	3
Wimco	227	8
Alcock	283	12

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tata Hydro (3)	153	8
Andhra Valley (30)	1438	12
Tata Power (25)	1536	4

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS

Elphinstone Mills (5)	59	0
Phoenix (50)	151	0
Indian Mfg. (40)	2950	0
Kuria XD	100	0
Colaba (12)	100	8
New City (11)	172	8
Minerva (12)	130	0
Bradbury (12)	520	0
Bharucha Defd. (0.4)	4	4
Bharat Mills (2)	29	0
Mysore (4)	162	8
Madhavji (0-12-0)	14	4
Model Mills (13-8)	158	12
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	642	8
Vishnu Cotton (8)	212	6
Western India (40)	2925	0
Standard (15)	227	8
Sholapur (200)	3150	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)	18	0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000	0
Tata Mills (2-4)	52	0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	240	0
New Ahmedabad	195	0
Sassoon Silk (3) X.D.	36	8
New Union Mills (0-8)	19	2
Madhusudan S. (2-5)	35	0
Shrinivas Mills (S)	173	12
Raja Bahadur (4)	60	0
Berar Mills	265	0
Victoria Mills	225	0

ELECTRIC (CASH)

Ahmedabad Electric (1-2)	130	0
Ahmedabad New	77	8
Surat Electric	133	2
Karach. Electric (2)	136	14
Broach (0-5)	6	12
Ajmer Electricity (0.8)	10	0
Amalgamated	11	2
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28	8
Poona Electricity Supply (8)	138	2
Bombay Suburban (8)	151	4
Bombay Suburban New	142	8

BANK SHARES

Imperial Bank of India	1775	0
Imperial Bank P. (0-12)	431	4
Central Bank (1-8)	82	0
Central Bank New (1-8)	84	0
Bank of India (4)	169	0
Union (0-3)	7	4
Baroda (2-3)	121	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37	8
United Commercial (1-8)	43	0
Jaipur Bank (18-0)	35	8
Hindustan Commercial	17	0
Mysore Bank (8)	365	0
Eastern Bank (0.14-9)	92	0

INSURANCE SHARES

Oriental (125)	4710	0
Oriental (125)	4740	0
Empire (10)	571	4
New India (1-7)	55	0
Jupiter (0-12)	12	15
Vulvan (0-10)	13	4
Indian Mercantile (0-4)	39	0
Universal	11	4
B I G (1)	15	4
Industrial and Prudential	28	4
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All India General	12	12

RAILWAY SHARES

C. P. (1-14) XD	112	0

MISCELLANEOUS SHARES

Steamer (10)	237	8
Bombay Burma New (5)	145	0
Burma Petrol	1	4 3
Mackenzie (6)	97	0
Port Canning (3)	58	8
Kemp and Co (20)	320	0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125	0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	94	8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	45	0
Mukund Iron	13	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	14	0
Alembic (15)	147	8
Supreme Industries	72	8
Bombay Uganda	67	8
Bombay Motor Cycle	22	8
Indian Cement (1937)	171	4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	143	8
United Motor	28	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880	0
Hydary Construction	19	10
Mahamadi Steam	100	0
Sardar Carbonic XD	700	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Gujarat Motor	26	14
Estrella Batteries	30	0
Manmad Press	120	0
National Rayon	51	0

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st (6)	198	12
Andhra Valley (7)	1332	8
Tata Power (7-8)	1337	8
Hydro Electric (7)	130	10
Bombay Steamer (6)	223	12
Central India (5)	653	12
Swedish Mills	130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)	672	8
Laxmi	276	4
New Great Mills (5-8)	220	4
Podar Mills (4)	95	0
Shrinivas Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106	14
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130	0
Pre. Construction First	100	8
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	98	0
Amalgamated	115	0
India	72	0
Tata Chemical	125	0
Walchandnagar	130	0
Jupiter	13	4
Supreme	100	
Meyer	102	8
Mackenzie First	85	0
Mackenzie (2)	80	0
Ahmedabad Advance	127	8
Mysore Mill	41	0
Standard	99	0
Madhusudan	12	0
Khatau	100	0
Morarji	94	8
National Rayon	74	8

DEBENTURES

Andhra 1952	103	4
Gula Kajamsingh	8	9
Rubber Planting	17	0
Bombay Steamer	97	0
Indian Hume Pipe	101	0
Tata Power 1951	103	0
Walchandnagar	105	0

OUTSIDE SHARES

Burma Corporation	2	11 6
New Victoria	2	0
New Victoria Pref.	4	2
Phalton	118	0
Gold Mohor	305	0
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325	0
Sajjan	121	0
Osmanshahi	230	0
Ajam Shahi	270	0
Air Service	4	0
Air India	57	0
Hind Motors	5	0
India Steam	6	10

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, March 24.

Tata Ordinary 316, Tata Deferred 1582-8, Indian Iron 27-7, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 19-6, Bombay Dyeing 1045, Central India 230, Gokak 263-12, Kohinoor 312-8, Simplex 189, Swadeshi 266-14, Tata Power 1535, Associated Cement 152-8, Belapur 224-6, Bombay Burma (Old) 436-4, Scindia 12-13, Central Bank 82, New India 55, Tata 2nd Pref. 140-8.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, March 24.

The Bullion Market was firm today and in view of the firm control of bulls trading was restricted in Silver and price fluctuations were confined to a narrow range. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 186/4 and after declining at Rs. 186/- improved at Rs 186/6. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 186/7. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 115/14 and quietened at Rs. 115/12. Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 115/14 and Sovereigns were priced at Rs. 75/8.

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	186	0	0
Forward	186	4	0
Ready Gold	115	10	0
Forward	115	9	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 24.

The produce market was quietly steady with very little business passing and prices do not show any important change. Quotations were as under:

GROUNDNUTS

Quality .....Rs.	41	8 0
Coromandal	41	4 0
Bold	40	8 0
Oil Local Mills	22	6 0
Oil Upcountry Mills	21	12 0
Oil April delivery	22	3 0

LINSEED

Bold	38	4 0
Small	36	12 0
Small	36	12 0
April-May	37	2 0
Oil	21	12 0

CASTORSEEDS

March-April	37	4 0
Ready	28	10 0
Madras	28	14 0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, March 24.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	15	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	1	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	15	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	99	9	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	3	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	95	12	0
2 per cent Con. X.W.	96	15	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	4	0
3 per cent 1952-55	101	10	0
3 per cent 1957	101	11	0
3 per cent 1950-51	101	5	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	6	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	3	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
2 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	6	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950-70	110	2	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	100	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-56	112	10	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	3	0
2 3/4 per cent C. P. 1961	97	2	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1981	97	2	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	8	0
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.-W.-P 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U P 1901-68	99	8	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	98	10	0
4 per cent B. P. I. long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni.	109	12	0
5 per cent Bombay Muni. 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bombay Muni. 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent R. P. T. 1950	113	0	0

NEW YORK PEPPER EASY

NEW YORK, March 23.

The pepper market was easier, spots offered at 1.40 dollars after 1.39. Shipment positions were offered at 1.38. Grinders and dealers are cautious awaiting new developments. Following re today's closing prices:

(OLD CONTRACT):

Spot 1.40 asked, March 1.42 nom., May 1.41 nom., July 1.37 nom. September 1.37 nom., October 1.37 nom. December 1.32 nom., January 1.27 asked, February 1.26 asked. White pepper Spot 2.50 asked.

(NEW CONTRACT):

March 1.42 nom., April 1.42 nom., May 1.41 nom., July 1.37 nom., September 1.37 nom. October 1.37 nom., December 1.32 nom., January 1.30 asked, February 1.28 asked.

N. Y. SILVER SALES

SILVER: Open market dealings approximated 100,000 ounces at unchanged price. Foreign offerings at discounts from non-regular sellers have apparently dried up but consumers are trying to digest earlier purchases. The American institute for intermediate coinage — a non-profit institute — told the senate banking and currency committee that 2-1/2 and 7-1/2 cent coins would aid business and consumers. Opposing the idea, the director of the mint said that it would be "unnecessary, superflous and expensive.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Further Improvement in Speculative Shares

CALCUTTA, March 24.

The market continued better with regard to the speculative counters while jute and coal shares kept steady. Government securities are the turn lower

Following are today's final transactions up to 3-00 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Government Paper 96/13, Three per cent 1957 101/8 S. Lot, Three per cent Loan 1970/75 99/15/6, Three per cent Loan 1963 65 100/6/6, Three per cent Loan 1951/54 101/2 S. Lot.

BANKS: Bengal Central 8, Hindustan Commercial 20.

COTTONS: New Victoria Ordy. 2/2, Ditto Pref. 4/4.

COALS: Bengal 496, Burrakur 11/14, Central India 4/6, New Beerbhoom 13/10, Equitable 42, Pench Valley 22/8, Sendra 8/9, Western Bengal 4/6.

JUTES: Anglo India 174, Auckland 116, Barnagore 176, Howrah 25/1, Kamarnatty 221, Megana 103, National 20/5, Presidency 4/2.

ENGINEERINGS: Indian Iron 28/5, Jessop and Co. 13/11, Marshalls 6/14, Kumardhubi Eng. 7/10, Steel Corp. 20/2, Textile Machinery 7/2.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2/10, Indian Copper 2/3, Karanpura Dev 16/6, Tavoy Tin annas eight, Dalmia Cement 5/11, Sone Valley Cement 6, Calcutta Electric 14/2, Angelo Bros. 23/14, B.I.C 8/11, F. and C. Osler 5/6, Indian Wood Products 31/8 CT, Martin Burn 15/1, National Tobacco 14/12, Midnapore Zemindary 57/8, India Steamship 6/11.

SUGARS: Carew and Co. 7/8, Darbhanga 9/8, Dyer Meakin Brewery 10/4

TEAS: Central Cachar 76 M CT, Dessai and Parbuttia 205 S. Lot Engo 100.

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, March 24.

120 Ready Japan	6	14	0
150 Ready Japan	5	4	0
120 Ready Italy	5	12	0
150 Ready Italy	4	14	0
150 D. Box March	965	0	0
150 D. Box April	969	0	0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 23.

2½% British Consols	£68-3/4
3½% Conversion Loan 1961	£91-5/8
4% Funding Loan 1960/90	£106-1/4
3½% War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	£91-5/16
Chartered Bank of India	£9-3/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£82-1/2
National Bank of India	£31-7/8

Transactions on the London Stock exchange are officially placed at 5,798.

LONDON, BULLION

LONDON, March 23.

Silver spot and forward both 64d.	
Gold bars fine per oz.	£12-8-0

TRADE AND FINANCE

Short-Term Money Rules Very Steady

QUIETER TENDENCY IN GILT EDGED MARKET

Recovery In Shares On Renewed Support

(From Our Own Correspondent)

BOMBAY, March 24.

Steady conditions continued to govern the short-term money market. The demand for funds to finance crop movement and trade was maintained. Some demand for year-end payment of taxes was also in evidence. There was, however, no change in rates, call money being quoted at 1 2 per cent There were borrowers of "House" money for three months' duration upto 1-3 4 per cent., but the general rate for three months' deposits was unchanged at 1-1,2 per cent, and for six months' at 1-3,4 per cent.

The weekly returns of the Reserve Bank of India for the period ended 17th March 1950 show a decline of Rs. 5.95 crores in the active note circulation and a rise of Rs. 6.28 crores in the notes held in the Banking Department. Central Government Deposits with the Reserve Bank show a sharp decline of Rs. 21 crores, whilst those on account of other State Governments are up by Rs. 22 crores, which is probably due to payment of States' share of income-tax. Miscellaneous Balances have gone up by Rs. 1.18 crores. There is a further rise of Rs. 3.89 crores in the item of "Balances Held Abroad". Ways and Means Advances to Governments have been reduced by Rs. 6 36 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 17th March 1950 reveals a rise of Rs. 3.79 crores in Deposits. Advances, on the other hand, have increased by Rs. 2.52 crores. In consequence, the cash holding of the Bank shows a rise of Rs. 1.40 crores to Rs. 40.58 crores.

GILT-EDGED

A quieter tendency was noticeable in the gilt-edged market during the week under review owing to continued lack of investment support. There was a fractional decline in values and the volume of trading was restricted. 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan tapered off to Rs. 96-15 during the course of the week. Among dated loans, 2-1 2 per cent. 1961 loan was quoted at Rs. 97-1 and 2-3 4 per cent. 1975 loan at Rs. 95-10. 3 per cent 1953-55 loan kept stationary at Rs. 101-11 and 3 per cent. 1957 Victory loan at Rs. 101-10. 3 per cent. 1959-61 loan changed hands around Rs. 101-5, whilst the 3 per cent. long-dated loans were all listless in the absence of any enquiry.

EXCHANGE

There were no noteworthy features to report in the rupee sterling exchange market, which continued to rule steady. For interbank transactions, sellers of spot TT on London quoted 1s. 5-31,32d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under Sellers of TT on Lond spot .... 1s. 5-31,32d. Sellers of TT on London upto six months 1s. 5-15d. Buyers of TT on London spot and upto nine months 1s. 6-1,1d.

GOLD

Prices in the gold section of the bullion market were very nearly stabilised as both demand and supply were well-balanced. April settlement gold, which was quoted at Rs. 115 at the opening, moved up to Rs. 116-1 on Monday and after reacting to Rs. 115-5 on Wednesday, improved again to Rs. 116-3 on Thursday on short-covering and closed at Rs. 116-2. Ready gold was quoted at a premium of 3 to 4 annas throughout the week. Small lots of Indian mine gold were reported to have been sold during the latter part of the week. The price of sovereigns kept stationary around Rs. 75-8 during the week. Floating stocks of gold are reported to be about 60,000 tolas. Fair quantities of smuggled gold continue to arrive daily. The average daily offtake was reported to be about 5 to 6,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were Rs. 116-4 and Rs. 115-4 for spot and Rs. 116-1 and Rs. 115 for forward.

U.S. GOLD HOLDINGS

A PTI message dated 21st stated that "gold holdings of the United States Government had declined more than 370 million dollars since the foreign currency devaluation last September. Officials expressed the belief that the chief cause for the withdrawals had been improvement in the balance of international accounts which was taking the pressure off foreign countries to send gold to U.S. to pay for goods. Meanwhile gold had continued to flow from the United States.

A small percentage of gold went into the United States for manufacture of jewellery, dental appliances etc. The decline in the gold stock since it reached the peak of 24,690 million dollars on September 21 last had almost cancelled the rise in the six months preceding the devaluation. Before devaluation, gold was pouring into the United States from foreign countries"

SILVER

In contrast to gold, the silver market exhibited a firmer trend owing to increased bull activity. April settlement silver, after opening at Rs. 182-10, improved to Rs. 184-13 on Monday and after reacting to Rs. 183-14 on Wednesday, firmed up to 186-11 on Thursday owing to hectic covering by bears and closed at Rs. 186-5. Spot silver 999 fine was quoted at a premium of 6 annas, whilst ready 996 fine stood level with forward. The carry-over charges to May settlement were quoted at 5 to 6 annas in favour of bulls after a long time. Floating stocks of silver are estimated at 3,500 bars, while the average daily offtake continued poor at about 20 bars. Both the New York and the London official silver quotations remained unchanged at 73-1/4 cents and 64d. throughout. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 187-1 and Rs. 183 for spot and Rs. 186-11 and Rs. 182-10 for forward.

SHARES

The week saw a steady recovery in share values on renewed support following some improvement in Indo-Pakistan relations. At the close, however, there was a revival of selling on rumours of recrudescence of trouble in Calcutta.

Tata Defds. staged a recovery from Rs. 1535 to Rs. 1605 and Ordinaries from Rs. 309 to Rs. 320-8, but closed lower at Rs. 1582-8 and Rs. 315-8 respectively on liquidation. Textile shares also followed in the wake of steels; Bombay Dyeings, after recovering from Rs. 1027-8 to Rs. 1058-12, closed quiet around Rs. 1045. Nagpurs revived to Rs. 234, while Kohinoors and Svadeshis found steady support upto Rs. 315 and Rs 270 respectively, but they all closed lower again on selling, Nagpurs finishing at Rs. 230, Kohinoors at Rs. 311-8 and Svadeshis at Rs. 266. Hydro-electric and Bank shares maintained a steady undertone. Andhra Valleys were steady around Rs. 1437-8 and Powers were quoted in the vicinity of Rs. 1536-4. Amongst Banks, Central Banks were quoted a shade better at Rs. 82, whilst Imperial Bank Fully Paids changed hands around Rs. 1775 and Bank of Indias around Rs. 169xd. In the Miscellaneous group of shares, Bombay Burmas held the centre of the stage, with the quotation moving up further from Rs. 407-8 to Rs. 446-4 during the week on sustained support. Associated Cements were also better at Rs. 152-8 and Belapurs were in request around Rs. 224. Scindia Steams revived from Rs. 12-6 to Rs. 13-2, but closed somewhat lower at Rs. 12-12.

CALCUTTA MARKET

Following some improvement in the political situation, the share market in Calcutta ruled steady on renewed investment and speculative support.

American Markets

INCREASED SELLING IN DISTANT COTTON DELIVERIES

Industrial Average Keeps Upward Progress In Wall Street

NEW YORK, March 23

Opening declines were extended under the leadership of new crops on Commission House and New Orleans selling as a result of the House Senate Conferees agreement on legislation increasing 1950 cotton acreage allotments.

Nearbys come under the pressure of hedging and liquidation although encountered improved trade support around the 32 cent level for May. CCC loan entries upto March 16th were 3,142,000 and withdrawals 583,000 bales. Old crops rallied in the afternoon on trade buying and short covering partly influenced by a decline in certificated stocks but the upturns continued to attract renewed liquidation and hedges.

New crops remained sluggish as the majority of traders were on the sidelines awaiting developments acreage and ECA appropriations. The session closed barely steady with sales estimated at 140,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

May	32.10	+05
July	32.14	+01
October	30.	+14
December	30.33	—17
Middling spot ..	32.65	+05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May	31.74	+04
July	31.87	—02
October	30.43	—12
December	30.24	—12
Middling Spot	31.80	

New York Cotton May highest: 32.10 at 12.08 hrs., Lowest 32.00 at 10.08 hrs.

WALL STREET MARKET

The industrial average topped the best since the summer of 1946 as upward progress was sustained by investment and other buying on the strength of the continued favourable tenor of most news. In expanded activity, gains were mostly upto a dollar or so. Baldwin locomotive were exceptionally nearly one down at 10 7/8 on a ten cent reduction in the quarterly dividend to 15 cent to conserve cash because of declining order backlogs. At noon the averages were industrials 209.92 and rails 55.74.

Apparently satisfied for the time being many buyers withdrew to allow consolidation. Profit-taking, however, failed to cause significant erosion and some issues, notably televisions, actually made further progress. The main body showed a fair majority of mostly fractional gains. Profit-taking was more insistent later and prices developed a mixed appearance. The session closed irregular.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

CHICAGO, March 23

Grains fluctuated irregulary in active dealings and featured by final evening up in March prior to its expiry at the close today. Export business was slow overnight with about the only sale confirmed being 7,000 tons flour to Italy However this was counteracted by lack of moisture in the South-Western winter wheat belt.

CHICAGO WHEAT

March	2 29-1/4	
May	2 21-3/8	
July	1.97-1/4	
September	1.97-3/4	

ALEXANDRA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, March 23.

KARNAK—		
March	Deleted.	
May	76.50	+65
July	76.40	+65
November	70.55	+75
ASHMOUNI—		
April	78.20	+150
June	78.00	+140
August	68.75	+ 75
October	58.00	+ 25

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, March 24.

Apollo 2-12, 2-11-6
Bharat 28-12 29
B. Dyeing 1056-4, 58-12 45 47-8 42-8 45
C. India 233-8 31 32 29-8 30
Century 238-2 45
Colaba 100-8
Elphinstone Ord. 59
Finlay 260
Gokak 264-8 63 64 63
I. U. Defd. 1-14 1-14-3
I.U. Ord. 12 11-15
Indore 113-12 14-6 12-8 13-2
Khatau 162-8 63-12
Kohinoor 315 11-8 12-8
Meyer 90
Model 158-12
Morarji 147-8
New Great 148 49 47-8
Simplex 187-8 91-8 87 89
Svadeshi 270 66
Tata Mills 52
Vishnu 213-12 15 12-8
Scindia 13-1-6 12-14 13 12-12 12-13
Baroda 120
Central 82-8 81-12 82
Central New 84
Imperial Old 177-8 75
Imperial New 431-4 30 31-4
India 169
Union 7-4
U. Commercial 43-8 42-12 43
Ahmedabad 130.
Andhra 1438/12.
Suburban 151-4.
Hydro 153-8.
Hydro Pref. 130-10.
Power 1532-8 36-4.
New India 55-4 55.
Vulcan 13-3 13-4.
B. Steel 19-12 19-5 19-6.
I. Iron 28 28-1 27-5 27-7.
Tata Defd 1602-8 5 1580 92-8 70 82-8.
Tata Ord. 320 20-8 16-4 17-8 13-8 15.
Tata 2nd Pref. 139-8 40-8.
Alcock 283-12.

A. C. C. 154-4 54-8 52-4.
Belapur 226 23 24 23-8 24.
B. B. Old 445 47-8 35 38-12 35 36-4.
B. B. New 148-2 48-12 45.
B. B. Petrol 1-5 1-4-6.
B. I. C. 9-0-6.
I. Copper 2-3.
Kemp 300.
Dharamsey 45.
P. Const. 85-8 84 85 83-8 84.
P. 2nd Pref. 100.
Shivrajpur 30 31.
Tata Chem. 11-5 11-6 11-4.
Tata Pref. 125.
Tata Oil 47 47-4 46-8 47-8.
Walchandnagar 143-12.
Wimco 232-8 33-12 27-8.
SPECIAL
Ahmedabad Elec. New 77-8.
National Rayon Ord. 51.

EXPORT OF COTTON PIECEGOODS

Price Control Removed

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Deputy Chief Controller of Exports, Bombay, has issued the following notification:—

The control over the export price of cotton piecegoods has been removed with effect from February 16, 1950. The Textile Commissioner has issued a circular to all the mills to the effect that in the case of cloth sold or contracted to be sold to exporters before that date, the price charged from the exporter should not exceed the standard price by more than 8 per cent thereof. The exporters on their part are expected not to charge from their overseas buyers, in respect of cloth purchased at controlled rates for export, a margin of profit in excess of 9¼ per cent of the standard price where the cloth is sold through a selling agent and 7 per cent of the standard price in other cases.

If any exporter charges a margin of profit in excess of the permissible limit, in respect of cloth purchased by him at controlled rates, he will render himself ineligible for further licences from this office.

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

BOMBAY, March 22.

	1949-50	1948-49
Receipts (By Rail & Sea)	Bales	Bales
17th March to 20th March	13181	23457
Receipts (By Rail & Sea) 1st Sept. to 20th March	827151	907810
SHIPMENTS:		
17th to 20 March.		
United Kingdom	480	
Continent	1091	
China	....	
Japan	....	
Coast Ports	2514	1654
TOTAL	2514	3191
SHIPMENTS:		
1st Sept. to 20th March:		
United Kingdom	1350	16111
Continent	70151	108193
China	....	14101
Japan	54134	5244
U. S. A.	58782	13376
Other Foreign Countries	3934	3594
Total all Foreign Countries	188351	160619
Coast Ports	35318	126376
TOTAL	223669	286995

COTTON PRESSED IN INDIAN UNION (RUNNING BALES)

	1st Sept. to 3rd March	
Madras	49510	29388
Bombay	139154	162310
States merged with Bombay	7184	....
West Bengal	190	822
United Provinces	366	....
East Punjab	131676	37367
Central Provinces	60184	63010
Berar	196[illegible]	[illegible]451
Ajmer Merwara	22150	17053
Assam	1571	1504
Kutch	374	595
Patiala & East Punjab States Union	20421	....
United State of Saurashtra	11195	597
United State of Rajasthan	48990	26316
Bhopal	738	....
Hyderabad State	133549	166052
Mysore State	4833	7254
TOTAL	628121	738840

Efforts To Expand Export Trade

To-day the Politicians and Economists of the various countries are unanimous in the advise they give to their respective countries "Export or Perish". India is not an exception to this. Its vast resources of Raw Materials can and will help her not only to maintain but to expand its export trade. But that is not all. The finished manufactures of a country always bring more money and help keep the same in the country, thereby raising the standard of living of the Common man. Hence some manufacturers and exporters, who felt that in the interests of developing healthy Indian economy it is necessary to organise and develop on sound lines the Export Trade, took initiativt and formed themselves into an Association which within an year has promised to develop into something very useful. Obviously it will be after years of sincere efforts and missionary work amongst manufacturers, Exporters and General Traders, disseminating information and giving useful suggestions; to improve, augment and develop the export trade of Indian merchandise, to establish sound business principles in export trade, and to educate the members as well as the Indian Manufacturers and Exporters to adopt a standardised quality of their products for export and to help them in all possible ways.

It is gratifying to note that the Ministry of Commerce Government of India has extended the customhary recognition to the Association

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

LONDON, March 23.

The pepper market was idle. Indian had an easier trend but Singapore prices were nominally unchanged with the Indonesian devaluation so far having no apparent effect. Black Lampong, March/April shipment, was indicated at 10sh. 6d., white Muntok at 15sh. 9d., shipping weight while white Sarawak was quoted at 16sh.

Governmental Structure To Be Recast

Dr. MATTHAI'S PROMISE

More Attention To Welfare

NEW DELHI, March 24. (U.P.I).

PARLIAMENT today passed two appropriation bills to authorise payment and appropriation out of the consolidated fund of Rs. 19,24,94,34,000 for expenditure of the Central Government and Rs. 2,78,64,64,000 for the purpose of Railways for the year 1950-51.

The Speaker, Mr. G. V. Mavalankar, at the outset explained the scope of discussion on the appropriation Bills. He referred to the scope of discussion during the general debate on the budget, on the demands for grants and also the Finance Bill. The Appropriation Bill, though a formal legislation to give effect to the grants agreed to already by Parliament, was an important piece of legislation. The consolidated Fund acted as a reservoir into which all taxes and collections of the Government of India shall be accumulated and the appropriation Bill was to provide for an outlet from the reservoir.

The Speaker said that the specific issue of the taxation proposals could not be discussed while considering the Appropriation Bill. But the discussion could cover any matter of public importance and administrative policy, so far as it was permitted by the Constitution, and also questions affecting economy, maintenance of appropriation accounts including reappropriation.

After a brief discussion, the House took up consideration of the "Appropriation (Railways) Bill" first.

Mr. Biswanth Das (Orissa) raised a point of order that the Constitution provided only for one Consolidated Fund and one Appropriation Bill and one financial statement. There could, therefore, be no separate Bill for the railways. He quoted the relevant sections of the Constitution in support.

The Speaker ruled out the point and said the articles only stated that there shall be "an annual financial statement" and tat nothing could be drawn from out of the Consolidated Fund of India unless authorised by "an Appropriation Act." It did not fetter the right of the Parliament to consider the statement in compartments and actually there was a provision for this.

ECONOMY URGED

Prof. N. G. Ranga (Madras) said that the Railway Administration should give effect to as much economy as possible on the railways. Otherwise, they would be faced with a serious situation by the time the next year's budget was prepared. He wanted the electrification scheme to be taken up only if they are demonstrated to be in the interests of economy.

He was told that there was plenty of scope for economy and better working of the railway coal mines. The railway workshops, he said were employing many more officers and workers than before the war and the expenditure on these workshops, compared to output, was too much.

The expenditure on the Chittaranjan Locomotive Workshop seemed to have been planned on too liberal a scale and needed careful scrutiny. He was told there was a considerable amount of "wastage" in the Bangalore factory for reconditioning coaches. The staff, both officers and men, were also too many for the work the railways were able to get out of them. Government should tell the House half-yearly or yearly the action taken upon the various recommendations of the Kunzru Commitee. He was not satisfied with the success achieved by the railways in eliminating corruption.

The time had come, said Prof. Ranga for the railways to develop the road services also.

Prof. Ranga felt that the railways were not making as much contribution to the general revenues as they ought to. The capital invested on the railways was nine hundred crores and the return was four per cent. When it was remembered that these nine hundred crores were invested in days when one crore was equivalent to four crores today, it would be found that the return was much less than it ought to be.

"We are finding it so difficult to bear or levy any more taxes. Nevertheless we are in need of more and more money for the Central and Provincial Governments and for various developmental projects. How can the Central Government get this money unless the State industries are prepared to contribute as much as they should?"

'ROOT OUT CORRUPTION'

Babu Ramanarayan Singh (Bihar) said that every penny accruing to the railways by way of revenues should be spent on its development. The country was in bad need of new railway lines and it was unfair to the people to spend any amount from the railway revenues for purposes other than the extension and the improvement of the existing railways.

Pleading for stronger measures to root out corruption in the Railway Department, Babu Ramnarayan Singh criticised the practice of giving contracts for setting up shops at the stations only to one or two persons in the whole country. Every station should, as far as possible, have a contractor belonging to the area concerned.

Mr. O. V. Alagesan (Madras) wantee electrification of railways to be proceeded with, if necessary with thermal power.

Replying to the debate, the Railway Minister said that Mr. C. Subramaniam had raised "a subtle legal point" that the contribution to general revenues from railways need not be put in the Schedule. They should interpret the Constitution in a manner which would be in keeping with the wishes of Parliament and yet "not so fundamentally" opposed to the letter of the Articles.

Once they accepted the position that under the resolution of the House, railway finances had been separated from general finances, a separate budget had to be prepared. Grants that had been already voted by the House should be included in the appropriate Bill to give them the authority of law. He could not see how grants voted by the House could be kept out of the Schedule. It would be argued that appropriation of railway revenues was not appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund. But yet it was appropriation of railway revenue. In that sense, an appropriation had been sanctioned by the resolution of the House and had to be included in the Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Ayyangar said that Prof. Ranga had referred to "some rosy picture" he (Mr. Ayyangar) had painted.

"I resisted the temptation to boost up things which certainly deserved boosting up. If the facts as stated to the House appeared to be a rosy picture to Prof. Ranga, I am more than satisfied".

COMMONS' EXAMPLE

Referring to corruption, Mr. Ayyangar said: "What has been done in the past is nothing for which the Railway Administration need be ashamed of." It seemed to him to be "extraordinary" that an "innocent railway Appropriation Bill" should have taken so much time of the House. Last year, he had noticed, that in the House of Commons the Appropriation Bill took up only one minute and a half on each of the two occasions it came before the Parliament. The first time was when the Bill was referred to a committee and the second when the Bill, which had not been changed by the Committee, was passed the next day.

The House passed all the stages of the Bill without any further discussion. The Bill provides for a total expenditure during the year, on behalf of the railways, of a sum of Rs. 2,786,464,000 by appropriation and payment from out of the Consolidated Fund of India.

GENERAL FINANCES

'Bill Not Exhaustive'

The House then took up consideration of the Appropriation Bill for general finances which authorises the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of a total sum of Rs. 19,24,94,34,000 for moneys required to meet the expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund and the grants made by Parliament for the expenditure of the Central Government for 1950-51.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, who initiated the debate, regretted the Bill was not exhaustive. While the Constitution had provided for a careful scrutiny of the Budget through Estimates Committee etc. it had not been adopted by the Finance Minister. The Government wanted the members "to talk but not to watch", Mr. Sidhwa said.

Mr. Sidhwa demanded that no re-appropriation, even from one sub-head to another, should be made by executive order. The Auditor-General should refuse to pay a pie more than was sanctioned by Parliament.

RED TAPE

Mr. Sidhwa criticised the "surprise announcement" of the Communications Minister to close post offices on Sundays and said members were "very much displeased" at the way the statement had been made without giving the House an opportunity to discuss it.

He appealed to the Finance Minister to be the "watchdog" of Parliament and see that the grants voted were "spent rightly and correctly".

Mr. B. Shiva Rao said that there had been complaints that there was too much rigidity of financial control even after grants had been voted upon by the House. Measures should be found to make financial control effective without being rigid or indiscriminate.

Maintaining that closer contacts between members and officials were necessary, Mr. Shiva Rao argued that the absence of such contacts had brought about a great change over Secretariat officials who were unconcerned of what was said on the floor of the House.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari said that the Finance Minister would have to bring another Bill before the House providing for a Contingency Fund and a second Bill for the purpose of limiting the borrowing programme of the Government.

Opposing the idea of standing committees for each Ministry with enlarged powers, Mr. Krishnamachari asked the House to consider whether it wanted the Minister to be responsible to the House or to make him irresponsible for the purpose of keeping some members informed of what was happening in the administration.

THE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Krishnamachari said that the administration had not been geared to the needs of an independent country and the Secretariat today was working in the same old way as it had been before. It was due to civil service that administration was going on, inspite of the fact that Parliament could not devote necessary attention to its reform.

Nevertheless, it was true that reorganisation was necessary so that responsibility could be spread over a number of people. There was no point in having Deputy Secretaries with several years service who had to wait for the wishes of the Secretary before issuing every order.

The work of the Ministries should be placed squarely and divided evenly. It was completely wrong to allow any junior official in any department to initiate policy.

He cited the instance of the inclusion of certain spare parts of cars in the tariff schedule and said that an official below the rank of a Deputy Secretary who could never lay down policy had in fact laid it which had passed through the Cabinet and Legislative Department. If a particular clause in a very important measure of taxation emanated from such an officer, there must be something wrong with the Government.

This was an indication how things moved. The reorganisation report of Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar should be considered at highest level and if necessary there should be an expert committee to sit on the top so that complete reorganisation was effected in the Secretariat.

SERIOUS TROUBLE AHEAD

Mr. Alva's Warning

Mr. Joachim Alva (Bombay) warned that if housing, clothing and food problems were not solved soon "we shall have all the elements that make up a revolution during the next three or four years". If the housing situation in Calcutta and Bombay were not soon solved, "we shall have very serious trouble ahead", he added.

Unless there was patriotic co-operation between capital and labour, "they will not able to pull the country out of chaos".

Mr. Mahavir Tyagi (U.P.) demanued an "immediate" reconstitution of the Government by the President, according to the Constitution. Ministries should be regrouped and portfolios redistributed. The number of Cabinet Ministers should be reduced. Secretariat should also be reorganised. He complained that officers were "misappropriating" 'chaprasis' and said some officers were using them as drivers and cooks. This must stop.

24 HOURS' NOTICE

Mr. Khurshid Lal, Deputy Minister of Communication, replying to Mr. Sidhwa's criticism of the proposal to close post offices on Sundays, said that the House was intimated of Government's decision exactly 24 hours after it was reached. It had had ample opportunity of discussing it in the general discussion, during the debate on the Finance Bill and today.

"I should have thought", said Mr. Khurshid Lal, "that Mr. Sidhwa, friend as he is of all the down-trodden and the poor, would have welcomed the proposal. Every man must have at least one day's rest in the week. Alternative arrangements would cost us Rs. 1 crore per annum".

Describing the proposal to close post offices on Sundays as "perfectly reasonable", Mr. Khurshid Lal said that post offices were closed on Sundays in countries like the United States, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Ceylon. There was neither clearance nor delivery in those countries on Sundays.

REAPPROPRIATION

The Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, said that the system of re-appropriation criticised by Mr. Sidhwa was based on the practice which obtained in the United Kingdom. It was the business of the Public Accounts Committee to go into the question of reappropriation of the total grants under each demand and then satisfy itself that the reappropriation carried out by the Executive was consistent with Parliament's wishes, was in the public interest and was in accordance with the authority conferred upon the Executive.

CO-ORDINATION

There was no question which presented greater anxiety to the Government today than the problem of co-ordination. The report prepared by Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar covered the whole field of Secretariat administration and the Cabinet had given a great deal of thought to it".

"We have covered nearly the whole ground", said Dr. Matthai, "and it is the intention of Government to reorganise and recast the structure of governmental organisation so that better co-ordination will be secured.

"In order to secure co-ordination and more speed and more efficient results one important factor that you have to take into account is to set up proper machinery but machinery is not the last word on the subject. The personnel who run the machinery are equally important.

The Finance Minister said, there was a good deal to be said of Mr. Tyagi's view that a number of officers had been in the Government of India Secretariat too long and should, therefore, go back to the States with advantage to the States and to themselves.

That, of course, was the practice which obtained here before 1947, but at present the Central Government were faced with a very serious scarcity in respect of senior and experienced personnel. It was not because Government wanted to give officers a "cushy time" that they were retained in New Delhi.

SOME TAPE

Judging by his experience of the Standing Finance Committee, Dr. Matthai said the Standing Committees served an extremely useful purpose.

Mr. Shiva Rao had raised the question of control exercised by the Finance Ministry. On the whole, the Finance Minister claimed, the delay in approving proposals had been in the public interest. "Probably more is to be lost than gained if I issued instructions to the Finance Ministry to relax its present methods of control".

Seth Govind Das: "So you believe in red tape".

Dr. Matthai: I think some kind of tape is very useful (laughter).

Dr. Matthai was in entire agreement with Mr. Tyagi on the question of prestige and pomp. "I do think" said Dr. Matthai, "we are losing a lot by our having almost unconsciously been driven into the position of having to accent the traditional forms of the old government".

Parliament unanimously passed the first reading, and Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, the only member who gave amendments to the clause, having withdrawn them, the House agreed to the second reading.

Mr. Rohini Kumar Choudhary (Assam) said during the third reading that he hoped the Appropriation Bill would not lead some to misappropriate.

Parliament then passed the Appropriation Bill into law.

MADRAS CRIES HALT

Strict Watch On Cinema Houses

MADRAS, March 24 (UPD): The Madras Government has decided to impose certain restrictions on the present abnormal increase in the number of cinema houses in urban areas and touring talkies in the rural areas of the state.

This step has been resorted to in order to avoid a suicidal competition between cinema houses in the urban areas and to see that villagers are not exploited by the touring talkies functioning throughout the year.

The above decision was taken today at a conference held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister Mr. P. S. Kumaraswamy Raja and attended by Ministers and department officials.

PADDY SOWINGS RESTRICTED

Madras Crop Report

MADRAS, March 24 (PTI): The area sown with paddy in 1949-50 in the Madras State including the merged States of Banganapalle, Sadur and Pudkottai is estimated at 10,382,000 acres as against 10,280,000 acres in the previous year according to the season and crop report prepared by the Economic Adviser to the Government of Madras.

The report states: Though the area under the main crop of paddy is more than the previous years the sowings of the second crop have been severely restricted during the year owing to the failure of the north-east monsoon rains. The seasonal factor for the State, as a whole, the report adds, works out to 73 per cent of the normal as against 81 per cent during the previous year.

On the basis, the final yield in 1949-50 is estimated at 4,284,000 tons of rice, representing a decrease of 11.0 per cent over that af the previous year.

Counteract Pakistan's Anti-Indian Propaganda

NEHRU ON DIRECTIVE TO OUR MISSIONS ABROAD

Evacuee Property Question In "Cold Storage"

NEW DELHI, March 24, (PTI).

THE Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, said in Parliament today in reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa that Government of India's missions abroad had been instructed to counteract 'suitably anti-India propaganda from Pakistan. A close watch was being kept on the situation and, wherever considered necessary, corrective material was supplied to missions abroad for suitable action locally.

Mr. Sidhwa: Is it a fact that India's Ambassador to Persia in a statement made in Lucknow on January 12, 1950 stated that the Pakistan embassy in Persia was carrying on a most violent and pernicious propaganda against India?

Pandit Nehru: Yes.

Mr. Brajeshwar Prasad: Have government made any arrangements through the ambassador to inform the Persian public regarding the true nature of the activities of the Pakistan government?

The question was ruled out.

Sardar Bhopinder Singh Man: To what extent has Pakistan propaganda affected public opinion there?

TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP

Pandit Nehru: I should like to remind the house that only a few weeks ago a treaty of friendship was signed between the Government of India and Iran so that the two governments are friendly with each other and we co-operate with each other in a variety of fields. As for public opinion, public opinion may be excited by a piece of news or by a piece of propaganda and it is a little difficult to measure the effects of that.

Mr. H. V. Kamath: In view of the fact that our external publicity in this region and in the larger Arab world has come in for adverse criticism in this house, do government propose to reorganise and reorientate our external publicity?

Pandit Nehru: Government are very anxious to improve external publicity. Of course, partly external publicity has suffered because of economy cuts. In the last few months 15 important stations have been left without publicity because of these cuts. But apart from that, I recognise that external publicity generally has not been as good as it should have been.

MINORITIES IN E. BENGAL

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, who usually leads the Indian Government delegation to Indo-Pakistan conference, said in Parliament today in reply to Mr. Basanta Kumar Das that the problems relating to minorities in East Bengal were receiving the "most serious consideration" of the Government of India at present.

Mr. Arun Shandra Guha: What is the position regarding the security of the East Bengal minorities? What assurances have the Government of India received from the Pakistan Government as regards the minorities in East Bengal?

Mr. Ayyangar: I think, judging from the speeches and radio talks of the Prime Minister of Pakistan in the last three or four days, the response cannot be said to be unsatisfactory.

Mr. Guha: Have the Government of India noticed that in the speeches of the Prime Minister of Pakistan in East Bengal, he has put a large amount of blame on the press in India and West Bengal?

The question was ruled out.

Dr. Mono Mohan Das: So far as the East Bengal minorities are concerned, was there any discussion between the Pakistan and Indian governments before the present crisis began?

Mr. Ayyangar: No discussions at any conferences.

EVACUEE PROPERTY

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, Minister of the Central Cabinet, told Parliament today in reply to Mr. Basanta Kumar Das, "The solution of the problem regarding evacuee property remains virtually at a stand still on account of the intransigence of the Government of Pakistan".

No Reply To 'No War' Proposal

Mr. Basanta Kumar Das asked in Parliament during question hour today what the position was regarding India's proposal for a "no war" declaration with Pakistan.

Replying for Government, Mr. Gopalaswami Ayyangar said, "the no war" proposal at present is at a standstill. It might be taken up for further discussion perhaps later on."

Mr. Das: Do Government think there is any matter in dispute between the two countries which is beyond a friendly solution?

Mr. Ayyangar: Friendly solution are always hoped for.

Seth Govind Das: Since partition, has any dispute between India and Pakistan been settled so far.

Mr. Ayyangar: A good many have been settled.

Sardar Bhopinder Singh Man: Has the dispute regarding jute deliveries been settled?

Mr. Ayyangar: A substantial part of the jute dispute still requires to be settled.

Red Cross Visitor To Bengal

CALCUTTA, March 24, (PTI): Dr. R. Marti, representative of the International Red Cross, arrived in Calcutta today on a tour of West Bengal and East Bengal to study the present situation in so far as relief work is concerned.

QUESTION HOUR IN PARLIAMENT

DEVELOPMENT OF VIZAG YARDS

Expenditure On French Experts

NEW DELHI, March 24 (PTI).

DR. SHYAMPRASAD MOOKERJEE told Dr. Mono Mohan Das that the Government of India incurred an expenditure of Rs. 51,000 on the French ship-building experts who had recommended Vizagpatam yards for development after visiting several places.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar in his reply to Mr. V. C. Kesava Rao said that the number of "unwanted" children left behind in India by abducted women was twentyfive. They were being brought up by the Government in the children's National Institute, Swaraj Bhawan, Allahabad. The general wishes of the mother were ascertained first and the children left behind were taken care of by the Government.

SALE OF SALT

The Central Government have requested the Madras Government to stop the sale of salt by measures.

Dr. S. P. Mookerjee, Minister of Industry and Supply told Mr. O. V. Alagesan that legislation by the State Assembly might be necessary and the State Government had been asked to undertake legislation to prevent sale of salt by measures.

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, on behalf of the Labour Minister Mr. Jagjivan Ram, said that the Government did not propose to postpone the Health Insurance Scheme in factories.

Mr. Mohan Lal Saksena, Minister of Rehabilitation, said that between 100,000 and 150,000 Harijans had been trapped in Sind of whom 10,000 were sweepers. He replied in affirmative to a question whether the Pakistan Government were not allowing them to migrate under the Essential Services Ordinance.

USE OF HINDI

The Government of India intended to encourage the use of Hindi when Indian ambassadors presented their credentials to the heads of various foreign governments.

Dr. B. V. Keskar, in a written reply, added that so far, credentials had been presented in English, but some time Indian ambassadors had spoken in Hindi at the time of presenting credentials.

Dr. Keskar, in a written reply to Mr. A. M. Rathnaswamy, stated that a Teheran newspaper "Keiha" published exaggerated accounts of Indo-Pakistan disputes. The Indian Ambassador in Iran had lodged a protest with the Government of Iran and a reply from the Iranian Government was awaited The Indian Ambassador had also been asked to secure a contradiction of the misstatements appearing in the paper and to inform the Iranian Government of the correct position.

Dr. Keskar, in a written reply to Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, stated that representations had been made to the Government of Burma for safeguarding the pension and other service benefits of the Indian nationals. The grant of proportionate pension to them had been agreed to by that Government.

In sursuance of the policy of nationalisation of services, the Government of Burma had discharged a large number of their Indian employees. The exact figures were being collected. Efforts had been made to absorb the discharged Indian personnel of the Burma railways and others in the Indian railways and so far 614 such persons had been absorbed in the Indian railways.

Monazite Factory

The Prime Minister Pandit Nehru told Parliament that the factory for processing monazite sands was likely to be established at Alwaye.

Pandit Nehru who was replying to Mr. N. Alexander said that the estimated capital for the proposed factory was Rs. 50 lakhs and working capital Rs. 10 lakhs. The Government of India would contribute Rs. 37.5 lakhs and the rest would be contributed by the Government of Travancore-Cochin.

Indianisation Of Stores Department In U. K.

Indianisation of the Indian Stores Department in London was the subject matter of a question in Parliament today.

Replying to Mr. Bhopinder Singh Man, Dr. Syamaprasad Mookerjee said that at present there were 227 non-Indians and 96 Indians in the Department. The number of Indian officers were twenty and the rest were either clerks, or messengers.

The Minister of Industry and Supply said that if an Indian was appointed, he would get additional allowances which a Britisher would not get.

Mr. MAHAVIR TYAGI: May I know who finally decides the bargain of the purchases? Is it British officer?

Dr. MOOKERJEE: The head of the purchase section is an Indian.

Mr. KAMATH: What has been the pace of Indianisation since 1947?

DR. MOOKERJEE: In 1946, there were only 28 Indian employed and today the number is 96.

SARDAR MAN: Why the officer cadre had not been completely Indianised?

DR. MOOKERJEE: There are special reasons. It is very difficult to persuade Indians to go from here to these posts in the United Kingdom unless we make the salary attractive enough. The policy of the Government is to Indianise the staff as soon as possible.

Malay Indians

Deputy Minister of External Affairs Dr. B. V. Keskar told Mr. Ram Subhag Singh that since the proclamation of Emergency Regulations in June, 1948 by the Malayan Government, 73 Indians were killed, one executed and 270 detained. It was not possible to indicate how many of these were due to political reasons. Quite a large number were for criminal reasons and among the killed there were a number of policemen. Fifty-six Indians had so far been deported and four banished for alleged criminal activities.

Asked whether the subject was discussed at the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Conference, Pandit Nehru said: "The Commonwealth Conference is not a superior body dealing with disputes between members of the Commonwealth as a kind of a tribunal. No country would like to treat a conference as a superior body of this kind. Such matters are not dealt with at the Conference."

Japanese Agencies

The Government of Japan has recently approached the Government of India seeking permission to establish its overseas agencies in important Indian cities.

Dr. B. V. Keskar, Deputy Minister (External Affairs), disclosing this in Parliament in reply to Dr. Ram Subhag Singh, added that the Government of India had no objection to it in principle. It was necessary for the Government of India to consult the Far Eastern Commission and a policy decison by the Commission would have to be taken.

Entry Into Bombay Docks

The Labour Minister, in a written reply to a parliamentary question, said the Bombay Port Trust would introduce 'pass-system' from April 1 1950 to check the entry of children in the dock area and also issue instructions prohibiting the grant of passes to anyone below the age of 15 except to those, who are 'bona fide' visitors.

The Port by-law was also proposed to be amended by the port authorities, he added, so as to leave contractors no latitude in the matter of employing children. Government would also examine the question of amending the employment of Children Act to apply it to all occupations in the port area.

KHER VISITS TATA INSTITUTE

Praises Work Done For Child Patients

BOMBAY, Friday.

The work that is being done in the matter of imparting useful education to child patients suffering from chronic ailments and undergoing long-term hospital treatment at the Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for Children, Bombay, came in for handsome praise from the Chief Minister of Bombay, Mr. B. G. Kher, today.

Mr. Kher paid a visit to this Children's Section of the Hospital this morning. He was accompanied by Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Health, Mrs. Kher, Mrs. Laxmidevi Naik-Nimbalkar and Miss Indumati Seth, Parliamentary Secretary

PRAISE

Speaking at a function arranged in the section, Mr. Kher said that he had no words to express his feelings on the occasion Last time when he had visited the hospital, he had been overwhelmed with the amount of suffering the frail human body as that of a child had to undergo. But during the course of a year, he said, the work done by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences was marvelous

He added, "You have been able to bring sunshine to the life of the young kids. In a country like ours, it is difficult to impart proper education and make education compulsory even for able-bodied children. It is, therefore, certainly very hard to tackle the problem of education of the deformed and defective children However, the problem has a humanitarian aspect which calls for immediate attention".

Mr. Kher then moved round the Wards, talked to some of the patients, patted a few and saw with interest the photo albums, toys and other articles prepared by them. While leaving the Ward, he dropped round the neck of an emaciated, yet cheerful, child-patient the garland which he had been presented with by the children earlier

PROGRAMME

In the beginning, Dr J M Kumarappa read out a report on educational programme for hospitalised children and said that in order to meet the urgent need for education of children suffering from chronic ailments, a simple scheme was evolved and submitted to the Government of Bombay in December, 1947 The proposed plan was worked out to satisfy three basic needs of such children, namely intellectual, emotional and occupational

The Government of Bombay said Dr Kumarappa approved the scheme in March, 1948 and sanctioned funds to put it into operation under the supervision of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences The Education Section of the Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital where children were treated for prolonged illness, such as Tuberculosis and bone-ailments, was started on February 1, 1949

Referring to the educational programme of these children, he said, "The teaching of scholastic subjects which include languages (Marathi, Gujerati, Hindi and English) and other school subjects is done in the morning In the afternoon, children are taught handicrafts and art-work which include crocheting, knitting, making picture albums, clay-work and paintings".

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RUSSIA NOT UNWILLING TO SETTLE DISPUTES

U. N. Secretary's Disclosure

LAKE SUCCESS, March 24 (PTI-Reuter).

UNITED NATIONS Secretary-General Mr. Trygve Lie has informed the six non-permanent members of the Security Council that Russia is "not unwilling" to hold a special meeting of the Council to discuss settlement of East-West difficulties.

According to usually well-informed sources, Mr. Lie made this statement at luncheon yesterday with the six non-permanent members. They were discussing methods of settling the impasse resulting from Russia's boycott of the Council because of the present Chinese representation.

Trygve Lie

Mr. Lie urged that ways should be devised to solve the Chinese representation issue so that the Soviet boycott could be ended.

He pointed out that if it were not, there could be no special meeting of the Council to discuss solutions to East-West friction.

Delegates of Egypt, Cuba, Ecuador, Norway, Yugoslavia and India attended the luncheon.

MR. B. N. RAU LEAVES FOR INDIA

NEW YORK, March 24, (PTI): Mr. B. N. Rau, India's Permanent Delegate to the United Nations, left by Pan American World Airways today for London on his way to India partly on a holiday and partly for consultation with the Government of India on United Nations affairs.

He told P. T. I. correspondent, D. P. Wagle, he expected to return to Lake Success towards the end of April.

He said that until the time of his departure, he had received no further proposals from the four powers that sponsored the Kashmir resolution in the Security Council.

Mr. B. N. Rau is expected to reach Bombay on Monday.

Egypt To Press Her Claim

BRITAIN ASKED TO QUIT

CAIRO, March 24 (PTI-Reuter): The influential independent newspaper "Al Ahram" said today that Egypt would take a strong line of action before the United Nations if Britain failed to satisfy her demand for evacuation of troops and the unity of the Nile Valley.

"The people of the Nile Valley and behind them all the peoples of the Arab world await Britain's reply to Egypt's demands", it declared.

The newspaper said British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, asked for time to examine the question when the Egyptian envoy, Abdel Sattah Amir Pasha, handed him a note to Anglo-Egyptian relations at the Foreign Office this week.

GUERILLAS ATTACK FRENCH POSTS

SAIGON, March 23 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Viet-Minh (Nationalist insurgents) guerillas launched violent attacks against French posts 15 miles north of Saigon yesterday morning, a French staff communique announced today.

French control posts sent out reinforcements and "forced the Viet-Minh troops to retire after the complete failure of their operation" the communique said.

The French forces reported one dead and two injured, but the attackers "carried away numerous dead and wounded when they retired" the communique added.

Hunger-Strikers Arrested

JULLUNDUR, March 24, (UPI): Two students who were on hunger-strike in the premises of Government College were arrested by the local police this morning.

The police officials visited the College early in the morning and removed the hunger-strikers in a jeep. Three other students who were attending to the hunger-strikers were also taken away but were let off later on.

Indonesia Abolishes Military Rule

DJAKARTA March 23, (PTI): Republican Indonesia has decided in principle to abolish military rule, the Defence Minister, Hamangkoe Boewono announced today.

The change will be carried out successively in all regions as the situation allows.

Military administration has already been abolished in Jogjakarta and Kedu (East Java).

DUTCH MINISTER ON WESTERLING

DJAKARTA, March 24, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Bonanne Van Maarseveen, Dutch Minister for Overseas Territories, said here today that if rebel leader Captain Raymond "Turco" Westerling were extradited from Singapore to Holland the Dutch Government would arrest and prosecute him.

Mr. Maarseveen had just arrived from the Hague.

Westerling, a Dutch citizen and former Commando Captain, is in prison in Singapore, serving a month's sentence for illegally entering the colony.

The Sultan of Jogjakarta, Indonesian Defence Minister, disclosed today that most of the people arrested in connection with the Westerling rising would be released in the course of the next week.

GERMAN RED DEPUTY ACQUITTED

British Court Finds Him Not Guilty

HANOVER (British Zone), March 23 (PTI-Reuter): A British occupation court today acquitted Robert Lehmann, Communist Deputy of the Lower Saxony Parliament, of charges of having "prejudiced the position of the occupation power." Lehmann, who was recently arrested by British and German police in the Lower Saxony State Parliament building, was accused of having published leaflets attacking dismantling at the former Hermann Goering steel works at Watenstedt-Salzgitter. He pleaded not guilty.

The presiding judge said it had been made clear before the court that Lehmann was not in the publishing office when the anti-dismantling leaflets were prepared and printed.

Madras Zamindari Abolition Move

MADRAS, March 24, (PTI): The Madras Government proposed to take over a second batch of zamindari estates in July next, Mr. B. Gopala Reddy, Finance Minister, stated in the Legislative Assembly today.

The Government has acquired 42 estates, out of the total of 2,800 zamindari estates and 3,500 "inams", in the State.

Commonwealth Aid To Burma

INDIA'S SHARE ONE MILLION POUNDS

NEW DELHI, March 24. (PTI): A two-year loan of six million pounds to Burma by five Commonwealth countries, including India, was officially announced here. India's share of the loan which in effect will be interest free is understood to be one million pounds.

An External Affairs Ministry press note announcing the offer of the loan and its acceptance says: "In response to the request which was made by the Government of the Union of Burma to the Governments of Ceylon, India, Pakistan and the United Kingdom, these Governments together with Government of Australia offered the Union Government a loan of six million pounds. The Government of the Union of Burma have accepted this offer and expressed to the Commonwealth Governments concerned their thanks and appreciation of the gesture of friendship and desire to help which the offer of loan represents.

The loan is for a period of two years and will be drawn by the Government of the Union of Burma as and when required for internal expenditure. The Burma rupees for such expenditure will be obtained by deposit of the loaned sterling with the Burma Currency Board in accordance with the existing provisions of the currency law. The loan will bear interest at a rate equivalent to that earned by the Burma Currency Board through investment of the sterling and will thus in effect be interest free".

Chinese Boats Off Macao

PORTUGUESE TROOPS OPEN FIRE

LONDON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Garrison troops of the Portuguese colony of Macao opened machine-gun fire on two Chinese maritime customs patrol boats when they appeared off Macau on the night of March 6, according to a New China news agency report received here tonight.

The boats carried the regulation red and green lights on their masts at the time of the incident.

The report said that the troops, who had no justification for their action, suddenly opened machine-gun fire. One of the boats was hit by more than 200 bullets and suffered heavy damage. One sailor was injured.

The other boat, further off shore, was also sprayed with bullets. More than 100 Chinese fishing boats in the vicinity were hit by stray bullets and many fishermen were wounded.

The patrol boats did not return the fire lest they endanger the safety of the fishing boats, the report added.

Peking Is Angry

HONG KONG, Mar. 24 (PTI-Reuter) The Chinese Communist news agency today accused Portuguese troops of attacking two Communist patrol boats "on the high seas" near the Portuguese colony of Macao on March 6.

The agency said more than 200 bullets hit one ship and one sailor was wounded. It added that stray bullets wounded many Chinese in nearby fishing boats, and said Peking circles were "extremely indignant."

Co-ordination Of Regional Plans For Western Defence

MILITARY EXPERTS MEET

THE HAGUE, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Military experts of ten of the twelve Atlantic Pact nations are meeting here tomorrow for the first of a weeks talks on co-ordination of their five regional plans for Western defence.

About 250 delegates are attending from all the Pact nations except Portugal and Iceland. Their findings will be turned over to a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Pact nations late in April or early in May.

The five regional groups have been preparing their own plans for the defence of their areas. The meetings here will study the value of these plans and co-ordinate them into a comprehensive defence plan for the whole of the North Atlantic area.

NEWS BRIEFS

OVERSEAS COMMUNICATIONS: Overseas Communications Service has notified that Buentings International Cotton Code 2nd Edition is now allowed in telegrams to all offices in China. It is also notified that the Egyptian Administration has advised that registered addresses and abbreviated signatures are henceforth allowed subject to regulations in force.

CENTRAL CONTROL: Consequent on the financial integration of Hyderabad State with India, such post offices in the State as were hitherto under the control of the Government of Hyderabad will be passed over to the Indian Postal Department on April 1, 1950, says a press note issued on Friday.

BOARD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Colonel C. B. Gupte has been appointed by the Government of Bombay as a member of the Board of Physical Education in place of Major P. N. Natu for the remaining period of the term of the present Board.

SAFETY BILL CRITICISED: The Executive Committee of the Orissa Civil Liberties Union at its emergent meeting held on Friday strongly criticised the Orissa Maintenance of Public Order Bill, now before the State Assembly and expressed the view that the situation in the country at present was not such as to warrant such service curtailment of civil liberties as contained in the Bill.

BOMBAY BAN: The Order of the Commissioner of Police prohibiting the transfer of arms and ammunition, either by sale or by any other means, without a special permit from him, in Greater Bombay, has been extended up to May 26, 1950. Dealers, however, are not affected by this order.

ANTI-LOCUST DRIVE: An all out drive to save the valuable crops at this critical period of food shortage from the fresh locust cycle has been made to the representatives of the States and State Unions who met at New Delhi a few days ago. As a practical step towards this direction it has been decided to start anti-locust classes at Jodhpur and train candidates from the Revenue, Agriculture and Forest Department of Rajasthan, Punjab, PEPSU and Madhya Bharat.

GRANT: The Government of Bombay has sanctioned the payment of a grant of Rs. 1,000, during the current financial year, to the Bombay Presidency Adult Education Association, Bombay.

DONATION FOR RELIEF WORK: A contribution of Rs. 25,000 for the relief of refugees in West Bengal has been received in the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund from Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and Sir Ratan Tata Trust. The Prime Minister has placed this amount at the disposal of the Governor of West Bengal, it is announced.

BOOKLET FORFEITED: The Government of Bihar has forfeited to the Government all copies, wherever found, of the booklet, entitled "Sangathan Ka Bigul", written and published by Hari Charan Sadhu and printed at Nalanda Press, Patna, and also all other documents containing copies, reprints or translations of or extracts from it.

EXEMPTION: The Rajasthan Government have exempted from payment of income-tax, with effect from May, 1, 1948, all Government servants not belonging originally to the Bundi State Service, but posted there as a consequence of the merger of the former Bundi State in Rajasthan.

CONVENTION: A students convention will be held in Jullundur on April 9 under the joint auspices of the Punjab, PEPSU, and Himachel Pradesh branches of the Socialist Party.

LEADER IMPRISONED: Francis Ikenna Nzimiro, 24-year-old President of the Onitsha branch of the Zikist (extreme Nationalist) movement in Lagos, Nigeria, was sent to prison for 9 months on March 23 for being in possession of seditious publications. The prosecution alleged that Nzimiro had a code message which contained plans for assassinating high British officials in Nigeria and for sabotage. Defence Counsel admitted Nzimiro had the document but said he was unable to decipher it.

SUBMARINE SUNK: The Submarine 'Truculent', sunk in the Thames estuary last January with the loss of 64 lives after a collision with the Swedish steamer 'Divina', was berthed at Sheerness, Kent, on March 23.

ORDER INTRODUCED: The Saurashtra Government have introduced the Saurashtra Essential Commodities Requisition Order, 1950 in the State.

U. S. Has Disarmed Beyond Point Of Safety

GEN. EISENHOWER'S VIEWS

NEW YORK, March 13 (PTI-Reuter): General Dwight D. Eisenhower, wartime General Commander in Europe, said in a speech tonight that the United States had disarmed beyond the point of safety.

Now President of Columbia University, he said this in a speech prepared for delivery in a series of talks dedicated to international peace.

"America," he said, "has already disarmed to the extent—in some directions even beyond the extent—that I, with deep concern for her present safety, could possibly advise, until we have certain knowledge that all nations are doing likewise.

"Only by deliberate lies can the propagandist—foreign or domestic—stretch our arms programme into more than the reasonable posture for defence which George Washington urged on his countrymen

"And the heads of state everywhere, even the most suspicious and fearful, know that it is below even that level."

CONSTANT THREAT

Obviously referring to Russia, General Eisenhower said that whenever one power "builds and maintains a military machine beyond the recognised needs of reasonable security, a war of aggression remains a constant threat to peaceful nations."

It was "repugnant absurdity" to give up hopes for peace "because there is one towering force in the world that often seems bent upon engulfing as much territory and as many people as it can."

"However," he added: "Far better risk a war of possible annihilation than grasp a peace which would be the certain extinction of free man's ideas and ideals."

"An enduring world peace must be founded on justice, opportunity and freedom for all men of goodwill, be maintained in a climate of international understanding and co-operation: be free from militaristic menace, and be supported by an accepted and respected police power representing all nations."

General Eisenhower also said that while the world situation was "far better than most of us normally judge," weakness in the face of Soviet strength was "well-nigh as criminal as war itself."

Not even in the Soviet Union did all the people accept the Marxist philosophy.

"One day," he said, "they will educate their rulers—or change them."

Calling for a world effort to raise living standards and make "human living a more full expression of man's dignity," he said, "even the Soviets, living behind a curtain of fear, could afford to work with the rest of us now for this decent and human objetive."

WORLD SAFE FROM H-BOMB

British Scientist's Assurance

LONDON, March 24 (PTI-Reuter): The world is safe from disintegration through a hydrogen bomb explosion, says one of the world's leading atom scientists.

Austrian-born naturalised Briton Professor Otto Frisch wrote in the "Atomic Scientists' News" that most of the earth's materials are stable, "so there is no danger the whole earth will go off one day."

Other leading scientists, reviewing the social and military portents of the hydrogen bomb in a special issue of the magazine, generally advocated international agreement on control.

ELEMENTS STABLE

Professor Frisch added "All the nuclei contained in air, water, or rock are quite stable. Water does contain heavy hydrogen, but far too little to be significant. So there is no danger the whole earth will go off one day."

"But the hydrogen bomb would be bad enough. A hundred square miles devastated is probably no exaggerated estimate," he said.

Bhagalpur Quiet

BHAGALPUR, March 24, (UPI): About a dozen persons have been arrested in connection with some disturbances in the town on Wednesday evening. They were remanded to police custody till March 27 pending further enquiries. The situation in the town is now normal and elaborate precautionary measures have been taken.

DEFENCE PLANNERS GOING WRONG WAY

Former U.S. Naval Chief's View

WASHINGTON, March 24. (PTI-Reuter): Admiral Louis E. Denfeld said today that the United States could win or even prevent an atomic hydrogen bomb war, but defence planners were "going about it in the wrong way."

In his concluding article in Collier's magazine on why he was dismissed as Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Denfeld reported that the Pentagon (defence headquarters) was placing too great reliance on inter-continental bombing and on the bomb itself.

Emphasising the need for a strong navy, particularly in view of reports that Russia is building up a sturdy fleet, he wrote: "The answer to superbombs, which take their greatest toll against large cities and their masses of population, is dispersion and mobility; and the navy provides dispersion and mobility at sea through its task forces".

Mines constituted a greater danger to ports than atomic bombs because they last longer. "The Russians are known to be mine-minded," he added.

Admiral Denfeld contended that the air force idea of inter-continental bombing was the most expensive and perhaps the most ineffective to get explosives to enemy.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

HAVING been under the weather all these days, I have hit on an explanation by pure chance. A French gentleman has found out that he has a date-tree growing in his stomach. The message tells us, "Some time previously he had swallowed a date-stone. Later he suffered great internal pain. The surgeons found that the stone had stuck to the wall of his stomach and had commenced to grow, sending out a hard sharp six-inch stem".

A doctor who was sitting across the table from me a little while ago, dismisses this as another of those tall stories. But he cannot explain his scepticism any more than the man who also read the item can explain his belief. He, the man not the doctor, is inclined to believe it on the analogy of the hormone implant. But this is the first time that I have heard of implant growing. The possibility, however, is worth trying out, and, I am sure, if we try long enough, we shall be able to see both man and tree-inside-man growing without pain to either. I wish M. Buisson had been less anxious to get his stomach opened up and more keen on encouraging the tree. What is a little pain in the interests of scientific discovery? Besides I am inclined to credit the story for quite a different reason. After all, we have heard of soilless plants. Then why not soilless plants inside men? As one begins to cut down all the superfluous factors and come to the bare necessity, anything is possible.

To return to myself. This pain does not look like a date-tree growing within me. If you ask me, it is more as though I have been stuffed with dates. Apart from an unusually cheerful-at-my-expense gentleman who thinks I should have my appendix out, and periodically tells me so, it has baffled most experts who have poked around it. But I certainly mean to see what is brewing inside without imitating the monkey in the fable who pulled up a tree by its roots to see if it would grow. Date-tree or mango, let the growth find a hospitable shelter.

MORE INDIAN SHIPS ON CONTINENTAL LINES?

LONDON, March 24 (PTI).

DISCUSSIONS between Indian shipping lines and the India-United Kingdom and India-Continental Shipping Conferences for full membership of India and participation in the trade on these lines were making good progress, Mr. N. Dandekar of the Scindia Steamship Company told the Press Trust of India today.

At an informal conference last week, with the British shippers of the India-U. K. Conference, Mr. Dandekar on behalf of the Scindia lines and Mr. A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar representing the Indian Steamship Company, claimed for Indian lines full membership privileges, without any restriction of tonnage, on the two Conferences.

The Indian shipping companies are now affiliated members of these Conferences, and the two companies are now restricted to operate eight ships each on the trade routes for cargoes originating and terminating in Indian ports.

It is understood that the spokesman of the Indian shipping companies impressed on the British shippers that restrictive conditions of participation in trade had led to these questions being brought into the political arena. Flag discrimination or governmental support and restrictive practices of trade interests were bound to be complementary. The British shippers were told that full membership of Indian lines of these Conferences, without any ceiling on tonnage or other conditions, would free the field of political influences on both sides.

VOLUNTARY RESTRICTIONS

On the other hand, the Indian shipping lines on their part would voluntarily accept, by discussion and mutual agreement, such restrictions as were necessary for the orderly development of trade on these routes and for ensuring good trade service.

Increased participation of Indian ships on any line would be governed by other factors, like availability of ships, costs and economic operational needs, and these could always be adjusted among the various interests concerned in a realistic way, on lines similar to those obtaining among other participating countries at present.

Shipping Corporation Registered

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Eastern Shipping Corporation, negotiations for the management of which were recently concluded between the Government of India and the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited, Bombay, was registered in Bombay today under the Indian Companies Act. The first meeting of its Board of Directors will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 10-30 a.m. at the Corporation's registered office, Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

Hyderabad Appeals Can Go To Supreme Court

HYDERABAD, (Dn.), March 23, (PTI): Sir Harilal Kania, Chief Justice of India, said here yesterday that appeals could now lie to the Supreme Court from the Hyderabad High Court as a matter of course under the Indian Constitution. Practice and procedural rules under which appeals could go to the Supreme Court from the different courts should, therefore, be similar in all State high courts.

Trans-Atlantic Fight

TWA SETS NEW RECORD

LISBON, March 24.

A NEW record of seven hours, 21 minutes for scheduled airlines was set recently by a Trans World Airline Constellation for the 2330 statute-mile flight to Portugal's capital here from Gander, Newfoundland.

Bound from New York to Rome 'via' Gander, Lisbon and Madrid with 23 passengers, a crew of ten and 1650 pounds of cargo, the TWA flight averaged better than 300 miles an hour throughout the entire trip.

PLANE FALLS INTO DITCH

BALURGHAT (West Bengal), March 23 (PTI): A Dakota plane, carrying vegetable ghee for West Dinajpur, was damaged when it fell into a ditch beyond the runway at Balurghat airport yesterday. None was, however, injured. A rescue plane with engineers has since arrived here.

Human Rights Covenant

LONDON, March 23 (PTI): India's delegate Mrs. Hansa Mehta tonight expressed fears that Russia's insistence on the right to work being included in the Human Rights Covenant will be an obstacle to agreement among the United Nations.

"It is going to be a stiff fight' she told the Press Trust of India tonight as she packed her bags at her London Hotel for the long flight across the Atlantic to Lake Success.

Saurashtra Goes Dry On April 1

RS. 4 LAKHS LOSS TO STATE ANTICIPATED

RAJKOT, March 24 (PTI): Chapter three of the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949 dealing with the movement and possession of prohibited items has been enforced in Saurashtra from April 1.

The Prohibition Act came in force in Saurashtra in January this year but due to insufficiency of staff and pending other preliminary arrangements the whole Act had not been applied to the State.

It is anticipated that Rs. 4 lakhs will be lost to the Saurashtra Government with the introduction of full prohibition in the State from April 1.

MUTT AND JEFF—Who Said Mutt Never Got The Worst Of A Strip — By BUD FISHER

TAXI! FIFTY-TWO STREET AND STEP ON IT! I'M IN A HURRY!
YES SIR!
JEFF'S TAXI
HERE WE ARE, SIR!
YOU BOOB! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? THIS CAB HAS NO FLOOR IN BACK AND I HAD TO RUN ALL THE WAY!
JEFF'S TAXI
GOSH, MUTT... DON'T GET SORE!
WE GOTTA DO FUNNY THINGS LIKE THAT TO MAKE OUR READERS LAUGH!
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